

KNOW DECATUR!

Did You Know That:—

The three links, the Odd Fellows emblem is carved in plain sight on one of the granite blocks of which the courthouse is built?

The citizens of Decatur offered the Rock Island railroad one hundred thousand dollars and right-of-way thru the country to build their line to Decatur?

Cook's springs furnished the drinking water for Decatur for many years. The spring was where the Milligan gin plant now stands.

A livery stable once stood where the Mississippi store stands today?

The Decatur K. of P. lodge was one of the oldest in the state?

Decatur is probably the only incorporated town in Texas without a city marshal?

Decatur is one of the two towns in Texas with two telephone systems?

Dr. J. J. Ingram was among the first citizens in Wise County who owned an automobile?

Mary Connelton Brookes, eminent New York writer, learned the printing trade in Decatur, working as a type setter in her father's printing office here?

M. W. Burch is the owner of a silver serving set that is more than one hundred years old?

Mrs. J. D. Hapgood of Dallas, and son, Edwin of Eldorado, Ark., were here the first of the week visiting relatives. Mr. Hapgood is at the head of a corporation that is engaged in the oil refining business in Arkansas. His concern uses a patented process that promises to revolutionize the refining business.

"That man Connally is my candidate for the senate," remarked Uncle Renshaw, "and I find that a majority of the people are for him. He is a big man, and only one in the race for the senate who knows the needs of the farmers. Mr. Connally's record in congress is good, and his private life is clean as a hound's tooth. He belongs to the masses; not off the high-brow contingent and such a man is needed as our representative in the senate, according to my way of thinking," continued Mr. Renshaw, a man who has been a citizen of Wise county for almost seventy years.

Dr. Walter B. Man observes that if those of our citizens who are given to grumbling about "taxation without representation," or wince because their tax money is not making a showing for the general good, should take a walk about town these days and see what is being done toward improving the streets and alleys. "Why, it will make a better citizen out of a fellow to behold what is going on, and I want to congratulate the powers that be down at the city hall for the able manner in which our municipal affairs are being run," he remarked to a Messenger representative.

Harry Crozier, traveling with Congressman Tom Connally as newspaper reporter, was a welcome visitor at the Messenger sanctum Tuesday morning. Harry and the editor are long time friends and we were glad to see him. He is a Wise county product, having been born in Bethel community west of Decatur. "I was about five years old when I moved with my folks from this section, but I can recall a number who were our neighbors. I remember the Penns, Jacksons, Tindells, Hardwicks and others. And, in those days, and many years following, that community was one of the best and most prosperous in all this community." Harry today is recognized as one of the most efficient newspaper writers in the state.

"I am of the opinion," remarked Granger Blewett, "that the day has arrived when Decatur should have a town marshal to look after the infractions of the law in Decatur. It appears that we have no traffic laws, judging by the way automobile drivers operate cars on the public square and up and down our streets. The parking ordinance is laughed at, and it has become necessary for the city authorities to actually put up iron posts set in concrete to keep auto drivers from parking their machines on sidewalks near the postoffice. Trucks stand for hours at the busiest corners, and almost daily someone narrowly escapes being run down by reckless drivers on the main street. What town in all the state the size of Decatur that has no officer to enforce the mandates of its elected council?"

Wise County Messenger

"THERE IS NO SUBSTITUTE FOR CIRCULATION"

More Than Three Times the Bona Fide Subscribers of Any Other Newspaper in Decatur

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OVATION GIVEN TOM CONNALLY

Speaks Here Tuesday to
Large Crowd of
Citizens

The lower floor of the district court room was filled by Wise County citizens Tuesday morning to greet Hon. Tom Connally when he appeared for the first speech of his invasion of northwest Texas section in his campaign for United States senator. Mr. Connally, accompanied by Mrs. Connally, arrived in Decatur late Monday night, stopping at the Greathouse hotel, and early Tuesday morning, when it became known that the distinguished gentleman was in town, a large number of our citizens called at the hotel to pay their respects. Before the speaking hour, Mr. Connally called at the Messenger office, and the candidate and the editor recalled their experiences as soldiers in the Spanish-American War.

In one of the most eloquent and fitting speeches ever heard by a Wise county audience, Hon. Grady Woodruff, of the law firm of Burch and Woodruff, introduced Mr. Connally. When Connally arose he was greeted by rounds of applause, and he immediately entered into a discussion of the issues. He said that he wanted to acknowledge the compliment paid to him when Mayfield flooded the newspapers of Texas with a whole page of elegant and fulsome eulogy of himself to be published on the morning preceding Connally's opening speech in the afternoon. Having acknowledged that compliment as admission that Mayfield regarded the Connally candidacy as the highest barrier before him the Marlin Congressman proceeded to assail certain utterances of Senator Mayfield.

Particularly Connally challenged Mayfield's declaration that it had been an unbroken rule of the people of Texas to give their representatives a second term. Among the notable exceptions to this Connally cited Horace Chilton who was defeated after filling an unexpired term and defeated the second time after having filled a full term by election; Roger Q. Mills who was defeated by Charles A. Culberson after serving only 6 years.

Connally quoted Mayfield as having said that the people re-elect men whose conduct had been fairly good and he asked if there were any in Texas to question the quality of service rendered by Mills and Chilton. He called attention to another instance in which the second term idea did not prevail and that was when Mayfield defeated the late John L. Wortham for a second term as Railroad Commissioner.

Connally ridiculed as insincere and in part misrepresentative legislation claims set up by Mayfield. One notable case in point, he said, was the recent proposal of Congressman Guinn Williams to investigate the Dallas Reserve Bank. Connally charged that Mayfield deliberately took the material of Williams and introduced a resolution in the Senate. Under the Mayfield plan of investigation where as had the Williams resolution, one been interfered with and blocked by the Mayfield move a real investigation would have resulted.

He pointed out that although Mayfield is a member of the banking committee in the Senate he was put on the subcommittee authorized to institute the investigation under his resolution.

Connally gave Mayfield's record when the question of the power trust investigation was before the Senate. He charged that Mayfield assisted the Republicans in ousting the Walsh resolution, in the vote confirm Cyrus E. Woods, who admitted that he owned large stocks in railroads and that Mayfield joined hands with the Republicans against the Democrats to seat Woods.

Connally said he never had been and never would be a member of the Klan, "but that can be no issue between us because Earl after riding the organization to public office door repudiated it and denied any association with it."

Following the speaking a large number went up and shook hands with Connally.

A luncheon in honor of Congressman and Mrs. Connally was given at the Greathouse hotel after the speaking.

Tom Shaw and wife and daughter-in-law of Cleburne, have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Vandiver.



Congressman Tom Connally

Stop! Stop, Senator You're Breaking Our Heart!

(Wichita Daily Times)

In making formal announcement of his candidacy for re-election, Senator Mayfield sets up that he is entitled to the support of the voters not only because he is a statesman, but also because he is a martyr. He was "robbed" of two years of his term, he plaintively points out, by the contest which was filed.

"From the time I received the nomination," he says, "until the United States senate in February, 1925, unanimously decided the contest of my election in my favor, I was hounded and pursued by my enemies without shadow or turning. At every opportunity they thrust their poisonous spears into my side. During the long drawn out contest I practically slept on a bed of thorns. Detectives even followed Mrs. Mayfield as, in company with the wives of other senators, she returned the social calls of her friends, and they followed her day and night.

"My mind went whirling around like a potter's wheel and I often wonder how in the world I escaped the asylum. I could not possibly have borne all that came to me those years had it not been for that help that comes to man from above, yielded thru prayer. It may be that I was permitted to pass thru the Gethsemane in order that I might be prepared to more truly appreciate the sufferings that come to so many of our people.

"My troubles, however, were not without recompense because I learned from actual experience that God never sends a cross to bear that he does not provide a Cyrenian to help us carry it. There are scars but no malice in my heart."

There is some more to the same tenor and effect, but the above ought to suffice to show that Mr. Mayfield has suffered enough, yea, too much. It was never contemplated that a United States senator from Texas should bear such cruelties, and it is plain duty of the Democrats of Texas to transfer the toga to the shoulder of someone whose mind will not be caused to whirl like a potter's wheel which, we understand, revolves very slowly. It may be admitted that Mr. Mayfield is entitled to this year's grand championship medal for make-lish maudlinism, and that perhaps will console him.

Poisonous spears! Bed of thorns! Gethsemane! Whirling mind. And Flaming Cross!

DR. A. P. BUSEY DIES IN COLO.

News reached Decatur Wednesday morning that Dr. A. P. Busey had died at his home in Ridge, Colo., Tuesday morning, following a protracted illness caused by a stroke of paralysis suffered several months ago. The passing of Dr. Busey will bring sorrow to Decatur people who loved and honored him. He was a man of extraordinary personality, and for a long number of years he was recognized as one of the most eminent physicians in the state of Colorado. He has made a number of visits to Decatur to see his son, George, and look after his land interests west of town, and on these visits he met and mingled with our people who appreciated him as a friend. He possessed a brilliant mind, and it was refreshing to converse with him; a man of large experiences, and he was a most interesting and entertaining talker. Such men as Dr. Busey leaves the world better than they found it; we are enriched in higher ideals in having known and associated with such a man. He was our

DENTON WRITER LAUDS C. CATES

Says Decatur Secretary
One of the Leaders in
Chamber Work

Loafer has been kidnapped. Ben Fritz carried this Loafer off bodily not to say bodaciously. He and Frank Pierce were accompanied by Mr. Schuler, who is engineer for the purpose of locating the road between Denton and Decatur. Now Loafer knows of no good reason why he was carried unless it was to decorate the car. He thought that perhaps he might have been carried along to act as mediator between Fritz and Pierce about the road but before he got there he found they had agreed to leave all decision in the matter to Schuler and agreed on every phase of the matter. Loafer found that the difference between the two routes as now established is two and tenths miles and that the route via Stony is that much shorter than the other. The road as the highway is now located is now shorter from the square in Decatur to the Denton County line than it is by the Stony route. Loafer has a very definite idea as to how that road is going to run and it will not be on either of the present routes altogether and will be both of them in part.

However, the road was the least part of Loafer's visit. The thing that interested the man that Loafer went to see is a fellow whom many do not even hear and that is Cliff Cates, who has been secretary of the Decatur Chamber of Commerce. Now when it comes to doing the job this same Cliff Cates has a record that is unique in all the history of secretaries. He has done a work that to Loafer's knowledge has never been equaled in all the history of county building in the state. They drafted him off the farm where he had been for 20 years and put him on the job and he took hold and what he has done is history. To use his own words, "I never asked them for the job and have never felt that I was a real secretary because I am not a professional and never expect to hold a job anywhere else. They have offered me places in other towns lately but I never expect to quit this job. When it is over I am going back to the farm and I will be a better farmer than I ever was before because I have learned more things about farming after I got off and looked it over from the outside than I ever knew when I was farming."

Modest and unassuming describes Cliff Cates. The most remarkably dairy development in Texas is one result of his work and to his supporters by the business men of Decatur goes the credit for work that extends from one border of the county to the other. Business men in talking to Loafer said, "The dairy business has done more for this county than any other thing that has ever happened. It has made Decatur a better town than it ever was before." Loafer knows that this is true because he has at various and sundry times visited that city and on this trip he saw evidence of improved conditions that were remarkable and could be attributed to nothing else but the dairy industry.

In talking with Cates Loafer mentioned his pet hobby about dairying. Said that he believed there was more prosperity in selling cream than in selling whole milk for the farmer. Cates agreed that this was true because the farmer received a second, and larger profit from the live stock to which the skim milk is fed.

"We discovered that this was true when we went to Wisconsin and saw what the farmers of that state had done and are doing. I believe that it is the most satisfactory and most profitable way to handle the dairy business on the farm. Poultry, pigs, and calves do better and make a profit that balances the incomes in a period of years that whole milk does not do." Other things than dairying may be credited to the work of Cates. Wise County has the reputation of being the best terraced county in North Texas and it has all been done since Cates began work. Now they are working on a project to levee and drain the valley of Denton Creek through Wise County. They have had the creek surveyed from the bridge on the Stony-Denton road northwest until they mapped 5,000 acres of bottom land. Now the plots and maps are being made. Then the people north of the present project

friend, and he will be missed. The funeral services took place yesterday at Jefferson City, Mo.



Hon. Louis J. Wardlaw

"The people of this state are bearing the burden of extremely heavy taxes. It could not be otherwise under prices paid by the state. Not a dollar more than is absolutely necessary to administer the affairs of the government honestly and efficiently should be taken from the people. I believe that in the honest and economical administration of the government collected to more than meet the needs of the government and that there should be no increase in taxes."

Mr. Wardlaw will address the voters of Wise county in the district court room Saturday, May 12, at 3 o'clock.

are wanting in to levee and drain their bottom lands are ruined because of overflow and washing of sand over the bottom. Cates is very anxious to have Denton County join with Wise County in a levee drainage project which will include the bottom lands of Denton Creek in both counties. The cost will be less per acre if both counties join in the work and the benefits will be greater. One thing is certain and that is that if Wise County puts in the levee system Denton County will be forced to do the same thing or give up all the fertile lands in Denton Creek bottom to Johnson grass and waste. The bed of the stream will fill up until it will be level and when a shower comes in Wise the surplus water will be dumped on to Denton County and all the bottom ruined sooner than they will be. The only difference will be the time it takes. Unless the county is leveed the bottom will be useless in a few years. The same problem applies to Clear Creek, to Elm and in a smaller degree to other creeks in Denton County. Unless Clear Creek is leveed and drained in the near future it is going to fill up to where every small rain will cause a disastrous overflow.

That was not all that Cates told Loafer that interested him but Loafer will not inflict it all on you at one time. It suffices to say that you can never tell what a boy can do until he is tried. Cliff Cates has done a greater work for Wise County than any man can realize who has never studied the situation and has not watched Cates work and watched Wise County come out of the kinks. A flattering feature of the visit was the good will expressed by the people of Decatur for Denton and Denton County. A most neighborly spirit pervades that city and the utmost good will was evinced all around that town for their neighbor on the east—Loafer in Denton Record-Chronicle.

G. WAGGONER IN DIVORCE COURT

Charges that certain witnesses summoned by Mrs. Ann Valiant Waggoner in her divorce suit against Guy L. Waggoner were trying to escape from appearing at the trial were made Tuesday afternoon before Judge Bruce Young in Forty-eighth District Court in Fort Worth.

The flurry between opposing counsel arose when Mark McMahon, one of Mrs. Waggoner's attorneys, declared that several witnesses summoned for her had left town or were in hiding after being duly summoned to appear. McMahon asked all be cited for contempt and that attachments issued for the witnesses.

Gillis Johnson, another attorney for Mrs. Waggoner, then arose and declared, "Several witnesses have been trying to get excused from testifying." "The defendant, Guy Waggoner, is ready for trial," W. P. McLean, one of Waggoner's attorneys, shouted. "We are ready, too," McMahon said. "We will get the witnesses here if the processes are issued and they are in the country."

Judge Young then halted the heated tilt by warning all attorneys he

ELECTIONS SHOW HOOVER GAINING

Al Smith Is Leading All
Opponents In North
And East

Washington, D. C.—As presidential politics round the turn of mid-April, Smith and Hoover remain the magic names around which the preponderant delegate strength of the major parties, as far as revealed in definite pledges, is rallying.

But there is this difference between them: Secretary Hoover faces a solid anti-Hoover field of competitors, including a runner-up Governor Lowden, already backed by a formidable number of delegates, and at least one dark horse in the person of Vice President Dawes, whose friends confidently predict that eventually he will be the beneficiary of the whole anti-Hoover movement. Governor Smith has opposed to him no single candidate whose delegate strength to date comes within a stone's throw of Smith's own nor have the considerable number of party leaders who stand against him shown any evidence of solidarity either as to candidacies or issues.

All along the line the Republicans are being asked to align themselves for Hoover or against him. On the other hand, the followers of Smith and those of Senator Reed actually combined in Oklahoma to control the State convention against any possible third candidate and there have been suggestions that something of the same kind has happened in Iowa.

There is this further difference: Hoover needs but a majority of the Republican convention to nominate him, while Smith needs two-thirds of the Democratic delegates. Both are far way from their goals in delegates actually chosen thus far and although the supporters of both declare the votes are in sight, these claims are trying to set the top sign against these two candidates.

As matters stand today, Hoover has instructed or definitely claimed for him around 200 or the 545 delegates needed to nominate at Kansas City, while Lowden has about 150. Smith's instructed and claimed delegates now number 264, compared with 733 1-2 necessary for a nomination at Houston. His nearest competitor, Reed, of Missouri, has only thirty-six. During the last week Smith increased his lead over other Democratic candidates Lowden, by annexing a big block of delegates from his home State of Illinois, narrowed the margin of selected delegate strength standing between him and Hoover.

would allow no such conduct in his court.

Several witnesses were sworn in Tuesday afternoon. They included Ben Keith, Jake Henninger and R. L. Watson.

Mrs. Waggoner charged cruel treatment in her petition. Waggoner answered denies the charges. The purpose of his answer is that he is not praying for divorce other than on cross action, nor does he make any charges against his wife.

Both Mrs. Waggoner and Waggoner were present in court Tuesday morning.

The estranged couple were married Sept. 4, 1922, and separated Dec. 30, 1927, according to the pleadings.

Relative to property settlement, Mrs. Waggoner is making the largest claim. However, Waggoner asks that community property interests be adjudicated which will include a survey into the Burnett estate.

This is the fourth or fifth venture at the matrimonial bar for Mr. Waggoner, and it is said that his experience with Cupid has cost almost a million dollars of the Waggoner fortune. The present Mrs. Waggoner is a grand-daughter of the late Burk Burnett, cattleman of Fort Worth, and when she married Waggoner she was reputed to be worth between 3 and 5 million. Waggoner says reports, is worth millions. His father, W. T. Waggoner, is reputed to be the wealthiest man in the south, and one of the richest men in the nation. Guy L. was born and grew to young manhood in Decatur.

Twelve hundred pistol belts which ordinarily carry death-dealing 45s have been turned over to the Interior department by the quartermaster corps for allocation to Indian reservations. The fire fighters likewise will use the belts to carry compasses and other articles of equipment.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Bailey were in Fort Worth Friday on business.

LOCAL NEWS

A. J. Shelton has been very ill for the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Harris, of Paradise, were in Decatur Monday.

Miss Lois Davis is visiting relatives in Sunset this week.

Misses Alice and Louise Strange were in Fort Worth Sunday.

Mrs. U. R. Neely has returned from a visit to Wichita Falls.

Dorothy Suddeth of Henrietta spent Sunday in Decatur.

Frank Denney of Moody was the Sunday guest of Miss Lois Strange.

Mrs. Phillips Baits of Olney visited relatives in the city this week.

Grandmother Gettys is very ill at the Rogers Sanitarium.

Grady Casey of Tokio is visiting friends here.

Mrs. R. C. Nutting and Joe Rice were Fort Worth visitors Tuesday.

Miss Mary Carter left Wednesday night for Big Springs to her sister, Mrs. J. Hollis Lloyd.

Mrs. Lawrence Boyd and son, Carney, of Olney, spent a few days here this week.

B. T. Hambright and daughter, Janette of Roanoke spent Sunday with relatives here.

Jameson of Dallas spent Sunday with his daughter, Mrs. F. V. McMorris.

Mrs. Jeruin Hambright of Whitesboro is visiting her cousin Miss Cathryn Ruth Helen this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Anderson of Fisher County have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Cartwright.

Mrs. W. A. Helm and daughter, Mrs. Cathryn Ruth spent the week end in Fort Worth guests of Dr. and Mrs. E. W. Bass.

Mr. and Mrs. Euliss Blackburn and children, E. B. and Annie Lee spent Sunday in Fort Worth with Mr. and Mrs. Shelby Fowler and children.

Jim Brooks, the first white child born in Wise County, and wife of Alameda, New Mexico, are visiting her sister, Mrs. W. P. Russell.

Judge J. G. Gose returned Saturday from the Quanaa Sanitarium where he has been for several weeks. He is improving nicely.

Misses Sue Van Meter and Hazel Hoyle, of C. I. A. Denton spent last week end with home folks in Decatur.

The young Ladies Missionary Society of the First Methodist church meets with Miss Estelle Belew, Monday, April 30.

Miss Frances Gill who is attending Brantley-Draughens Business College of Fort Worth, was the week end guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Gill.

P. M. Curry was here last week end. W. B. Allen of Henrietta was in the city Tuesday.

Reedy Williams of Rhome was here for a few hours Tuesday.

Bill Shultz of Splawn was in Decatur Monday.

Nap Best, of Greenwood, was here Monday on business.

Buster Pearson was in Paradise Monday.

Mrs. Buster Pearson was in Glen Rose this week.

Carl Carpenter of Cleburne, was here Saturday.

J. H. Gentry, of Greenwood, made a business trip to Decatur Saturday.

John Johnson, of Waxahachie was here last week.

Miss Kate Warren is visiting Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Brown this week.

Rev. John R. Rice, of Fort Worth, visited his parents Saturday.

Henry Porter, of Paradise, was here one day last week.

Charles M. Ellis, of Fort Worth, was here on business Monday.

John J. Woods, of Dallas was a Decatur visitor Monday.

Misses Pearl Rowan and Alice Strange, of Bellevue, were here visiting relatives last week end.

C. C. McDaniel and daughter, Miss Oletha, and Miss Lucille Pickett of Greenwood were in Decatur Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Milligan, of Greenwood, were shopping in Decatur Saturday.

Mrs. Paul Finn and daughter of Sunset have been visiting relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Rieger and children of Bowie were here last Saturday.

Marion McDowell, of Chico, spent last week end with friends in Decatur.

W. J. Whiteside Jr., of Austin, was here Saturday and Sunday visiting relatives.

Newton Maxwell and Chas. Brown of Greenwood, were in the city Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Cook, of Hillsboro, spent Saturday and Sunday with relatives in Decatur.

Carter Hughes, of Electra, spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gus Hughes.

There will be a cemetery working at the Jonstown graveyard on the first Friday in May, and all who are interested are requested to come and take part.

Marvin B. Smith, editor of the Farmersville Times, and son, Elba, were here several days visiting friends and relatives. "The old town looks good to me, and I notice that some substantial improvements are under way," said Marvin.

Miss Laddie Bess Prunty spent last week end with friends in Waco.

Bill Belittle was the guest of Miss Anna Eloise Cook last Tuesday.

A. Y. Leslie of Alvord, was here Tuesday to hear Tom Connally speak.

Mrs. W. H. Rice, on the sick list for some time, is able to be up.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Rieger were in Dallas Wednesday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Davis of Bowie were Decatur visitors Wednesday.

W. A. Mauldin was in Decatur Monday on business.

Guy Brown of Bridgeport was in Decatur Monday on business.

Eddie Dodge of Greenwood was in the city Wednesday.

Carter Hughes visited his parents here Sunday.

J. H. McCarter and daughters, Misses Jamie Ruth and Mary left Thursday for Big Springs.

Miss Bess Russell, formerly of D. B. C., was recently married to Mr. L. L. Ward of Grow, Texas.

Mr. Street received Sunday the sad news of the death of his brother, who lived in Center, Okla.

Mark Marshall of Austin, was in the city Sunday, enroute to West Texas.

The Decatur Baptist College orchestra will entertain the people of Rhome this Friday night April 27.

Miss Eunice Sullivan and John B. Waide of Sanger were in Decatur last week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lillard of Ranger are visiting their parents Mr. and Mrs. Terrell Lillard.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Walker and Vernon Atkinson visited in Greenwood Sunday.

Misses Florence and Julia Bellah were shopping in Fort Worth Wednesday.

Mrs. J. L. Frazier is spending the week with her daughter in Dallas, Mrs. Sil Sedwick.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Ezell and children of Sanger visited Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Walker.

Little Miss Glenn LaRay Rieger of Sanger spent the week with Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Rieger.

Joe Manire was carried to the Rogers Sanitarium Tuesday for an operation for acute appendicitis.

M. B. Smith and son, Elba, of Farmersville have been visiting friends and relatives in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Walker and Mr. W. H. Walker attended the funeral of Mrs. Flossie Book of Vernon Friday.

Jake Smith was here last week visiting friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Shaw, of Cleburne, and Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Holoman of Fort Worth were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Holley Renshaw Sunday.

Mr. Straude of Dallas was visiting relatives here Saturday.

Mrs. Taylor and daughter, Miss Annie, of Wilbarger county, are visiting relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Alexander and Mr. and Mrs. George Gage were in Fort Worth Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Rieger and Mr. and Mrs. Holt visited in the home of Mrs. Asa Reese of Bridgeport.

Mr. and Mr. Charlie Godger, of Ft. Worth, visited Mr. and Mrs. Ray Lawson last week.

Charlie Dickinson and family, of Wichita Falls, visited J. H. Morris Sunday.

Miss Katherine Burch, of Chico, was here last week end visiting relatives and friends.

Walton Womley, of Amarillo, spent last week end with friends and relatives here.

Miss Lansing Jones of Chico was the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Jones.

T. J. Dillehay Jr., of Olney spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Dillehay.

Mrs. T. G. Rogers has returned from the Baptist Sanitarium in Dallas.

Fred Baston is leaving this week for Dallas where he will attend a business school.

Misses Thelma Young, Jessie Price, and Marjelle Baston visited friends in Fort Worth last week end.

Miss Sudie and Ardid Fox of San Antonio and Mrs. Longhurst of Fort Worth visited Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Lawson this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Golden and little daughter, Glenda, of Wichita Falls spent the week with Mrs. George Alfred, and Mrs. Dale Woods, they are enroute for Kansas City, Mo. where they will make their home.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. McCarter, of El Paso, Mr. and Mrs. Jack McCarter and son, Jackie, Mr. and Mrs. N. G. McCarter and son, Billie Gould, Mrs. Nannie McCarter and daughter, Miss Ruth, of Waxahachie, were the week end guests of J. H. McCarter and family.

Fruit growers in the low lands suffered several losses by the recent visit of the freeze. In the uplands the damage was not so heavy, they say. A number of fine orchards in Decatur were devastated of their fruit. Capt. H. E. Brady, in the eastern part of town, was one of the heaviest losers.

Notice Republicans

Notice is hereby given by the Wise County Republican Executive Committee that precinct conventions are called to meet at the usual voting places May 5, 1928 at 2 p. m. to elect Co. Chairman and delegates to the Wise County Republican Convention to meet in Decatur, Texas at 2 p. m., May 8, 1928, Chamber of Commerce Hall, County Convention to elect Co. Chairman and delegates to the Republican State Convention. M. L. WALLIS, Chairman Com.

Texan Living in N. Y. Gives View on Smith

As a Texas residing in New York I have followed the comment appearing in Texas papers concerning Al Smith's candidacy with interest. It is strikingly evident that there is a large element in the Democratic party of Texas that refuses to recognize conditions as they are. It is a new element. In it are found the fanatic dry, the bigoted Protestant and the formerly active members of the Klan.

Now these constituent parts of this bloc are by no means all-inclusive nor are they necessarily similar, but they have one thing in common, namely, that politically they are not open to reason. They prefer to perpetuate a party in office that turned over the National Government to thieves and bribe-takers, and then protected them, rather than be delivered from such a condition by a "wet." To put it most mildly, they love not honor or less, but prohibition more.

It has been said that the Democratic party would be sacrificing principle for expediency in nominating Al Smith. If you were being robbed and you had an opportunity to defend yourself, would you seize a popgun or a six-shooter? I maintain you compare the political effectiveness of Reed or Walsh to Smith the simile is not exaggerated. I am not comparing their personal abilities, but their vote-getting power. Since the Civil War Illinois, Massachusetts, Maryland, New Jersey, Connecticut, Ohio and New York have, from time to time, helped elect a Democratic president. Neither Reed nor Walsh can carry a single one of these States against the Republicans with the possible exception of Maryland. Smith has a chance of carrying them all or most of them. Davis did not carry one of them in 1924. He is certainly the peer of either Walsh or Reed and he had the Teapot Dome issue, fresh. Of course, he was weighed down with that impossible burden of a Bryan as a running mate (so the Northern democrats viewed him,) but it is plain that the Democratic candidate must have some appeal other than the off-scandal.

Al Smith has a great deal to the average man in the big cities. The crowds in Chicago, Baltimore, Boston and Cincinnati are accustomed to talking to him. He talks their language. He spent his childhood in a city slum, one of the many children of a widowed mother. Out of the muck of the city's streets he climbed, slowly, painfully, rung by rung. Fortunes have been spent in having a microscopic examination made of that climb with the hope of getting something "on" him, without avail. Four times Governor of New York, he stands a living promise to the overworked millions of tenement dwellers in the big cities that America has not been false to her ideals; that their children have the opportunity to do likewise. He is their ideal. You who oppose him had your opportunity on the same issues and failed as is your habit in national elections. Give him the same opportunity which he has rightly earned. FRED W. MOORE, 17 Battery Place, New York, in Dallas News.

Sambo—Whaffo' you looking' so unnecessary, Mose?

Mose—Ah feels like a dumb owl Stumbo.

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FOR SALE—Two well bred bulls, Jerseys, for sale of trade.—SIMPLESON'S MARKET, Decatur, Texas.

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FOR SALE—Mammoth bronze turkey eggs, direct from the celebrated tom, Roy McDonald, state champion, and large hens; price \$6.00 per setting of 12—B. C. ALLGOOD, Route 2, Paradise, Texas.

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NOTICE—Beginning March 26, I will cut hair for 25 cents. Adults and children. All old friends and customers are welcome.—C. H. (HECK) MILLER, Barber, Decatur. (17r)

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LOST—Ladie's Purse, at Willard the Wizard show, Wednesday night, containing \$1.50, and a check book. Finder please return to Mrs. Jones at Decatur Baptist College and receive reward.

BALL GAME—Between the Leans and Fats at D. B. C. ball park Friday April 27. Admission 15 and 25c. Proceeds go to the Owl Club. Come on and enjoy this game.

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—Men's and boy's blue overalls; all sizes—**98c**

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For boys and girls; size 12 to 2; 2½ to 6; now **98c**

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32-inch dress gingham; special at per yard **15c**

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—Black or tan play oxfords; size 5 to 8; 8½ to 11; 12 to 2; at **\$1.50** and **\$1.95**

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—For Spring and Summer wear; priced at only **\$1.29.**

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Hundreds of new spring dresses silks, printed and figured crepe, Georgettes and Prints—

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Ladies' and children's newest Spring hats. You will be surprised what values we are offering the buying public. Priced at

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Children's Hats **98c to \$3.45**

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—36-inch figured crepes in beautiful spring patterns at only **\$1.69**

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—40-inch flat crepes in all new spring shades—priced at—**\$1.79**

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36-inch figured Batiste; small figures; in bright patterns—only **59c**

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—32-in Peter Pan prints 50c value now selling for only **39c**

SPECIAL FOR SATURDAY

12½ yards cotton checks and apron check gingham for only **\$1.00**

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Decatur, Texas

PLEASANT GROVE

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Vance, of Stillwell were Sunday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Ray.

Miss Thelma Aldridge was a Monday guest of Miss Haggins.



County Agent Jameson, Cow Tester Nelson and I visited the spring meeting of the North Texas Pecan Growers Association at Arlington last Tuesday-day. We sat in with about two hundred north Texas men and women, extension agents and college officials interested to learn what they can and to communicate information regarding the paper shell pecan.

As compared with the production of other agricultural crops pecan growing may be regarded as a long-term industry for the reason that there is a prolonged interval before an orchard of young trees comes to the stage of profitable bearing. The fact was to be noted, however, that gray haired men and women and people past the middle years of life predominated at the Arlington meeting which gives rise to the following reflection as pertains to conditions and opportunities in Wise County.

So far as the number of native trees and totality of land adapted to growing the pecan is concerned, Wise County enjoys the repute of being the peer of any in the state, in fact so broken is her terrain and so voluminous the expanse of her creek and bottom land, she has been said to surpass any other county in natural pecan growing advantages. If, therefore, the possibilities of paying pecan orchards make so strong an appeal to gray haired men and women should be the reaction to our immediate and local county opportunities of the young men and women of Wise County? The fact is there seems to be little awakening to a great chance. Here was a meeting of state wide importance within three hours ride of the county, advertised for days in advance in the state papers and only a trio of citizens present from the county.

People in the actual work of owning and superintending their own orchards composed the majority of the participants in the Arlington meeting. They were made up of both farmers and city people, the latter of sleek and well groomed business appearance, whom one, without knowing, could imagine to be possessed somewhere of liver bottom plantations in process of being changed over from cotton plantations to pecan orchards. One representative, in fact, was there with his chauffeur a rather conspicuous looking darkey charged with the care of quite an expensive limousine.

It was reported at the meeting that orchardists in California have prospered growing the English walnut. Yet in Texas, it was said more wealth awaits the man who will get in the same game of raising the paper shell pecan on the right scale and in the right way. Indeed an ardent and enthusiastic investor in this meeting and those participants that is not unlike that one learns to have been associated with some initial stage of rich and promising ore mining, for instance.

This writer was there to intercept any information that might be usable in Wise County. Jameson was there in step with any new modes and practices of culture and handling that might develop. We saw specimens of all the tools that are used in pecan culture; we learned how to treat wounds, to make grafts of paper shell stock on native growth and to do the new "skin budding." We learned about adaptable varieties to the north Texas conditions and discovered, for another thing, that all the new pecan orchards are not being planted on bottom lands. Any fine piece of moist, swampy, sandy land as well as some that is level, is adapted to profitable production. And that brings in a still larger area of Wise County soil on which the pecan may be successfully grown.

The growing of the paper shell pecan must be regarded as one of the great potential industries of this county. It is not surprising that there is relatively little interest in production on a commercial scale when once it is remembered that our folks, as yet, have come meagerly in contact with the business phase of it. And in any wise have paid but small attention to it.

It should behoove us to study the matter. Knowledge in this as in other farm industries is essential in these days to making any considerable progress. Read about pecans. Study the experiences of those who are succeeding. And when you hear about another fine meeting such as was held at Arlington this week suppose you be recorded as one among those present.—Cates.

Paradise School Closes

The Paradise high school will close Friday April 27, after a very successful term. The graduating exercises will be held tonight in the Paradise auditorium. The public is invited to attend. Those receiving diplomas are: Bruce Martin Blackford, Ora Fae Brandon, Bailey Wilburn Clarke, Ruby Cook, Vera Fae Franks, Chas. Otho Fuqua, Cone Braselton Green, Henry Baxter Kelly, Marvin (Bill) Leonard, Olea Estelle, Martin John Riley McDaniel and Hattie Seagle.

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With Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Cleary.
Misses Millie and Vera Farrington spent a while Sunday afternoon at the home of Bessie Monroe.

Misses Rena Alice Davenport, Jettie Cobb and Treva Repton spent Sunday with Willie Chaborn.

Mrs. Dessie Hornbeck spent Thursday with Mrs. Nikirk of Alvord.

Mrs. Florence Cobb spent Thursday in Alvord with Mrs. Wiley Jones.

Messrs. Robert Earl and Ernest Shirley spent last week end in Snyder, Okla. and Electra, Texas.

Mr. Hugh Cobb spent Sunday with Dilbert Keyton.

Rev. and Mrs. Repton spent Monday with Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Stafford at Chico.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Pettus spent Monday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Dan House of the White Hill section.

Miss Denny Davis spent Saturday with Mrs. Nettie Reynolds of the Roe community.

Mrs. Sarah Burch, S. B. Spencer and Bulah Peyton spent one evening last week with Mrs. Wheelis near Alvord.

Mrs. Bettie Farrington spent Friday afternoon with Mrs. Dessie Hornbeck.

VALLEY VIEW NEWS

County of Wise.

In the District Court of Wise County, Texas, 43rd Judicial District of Texas.

To the Honorable Judge of Said Court:

Your Petitioner, Gertie Simpson, hereinafter called plaintiff, complaining of Walter Simpson, hereinafter called defendant, with respect would show to the Court that Plaintiff is and has been an actual bona fide inhabitant of the State of Texas for a period of more than twelve months, and has resided in Wise County six months next preceeding the filing of this petition and that the defendant is a transient person, having fixed domicile, and his resident in unknown.

Plaintiff avers that she and defendant were married in Wise County, Texas, on or about the 8th day of September A. D. 1917, and as husband and wife lived and cohabited intermittently up until about the 1st day of June 1928, at which time defendant wholly abandoned this plaintiff, that the plaintiff conducted herself at all times toward the defendant with much affection and love, discharging all of the conjugal duties imposed upon her by the marital regulations, but that the defendant unmindful of all her love and affection, about nine months after their marriage began a studied course of harsh and cruel treatment toward this plaintiff and would go away from home and remain away from home indefinitely, without advising the plaintiff as to his intentions of leaving, how long he would stay, of where he was going. When he would return he would refuse to explain his absence or conduct very much to the humiliation and distress of plaintiff's mind and nerves, that he continued to thus conduct himself until his final abandonment as hereinafter alleged; that plaintiff and defendant have not since his final abandonment lived and cohabited together as man and wife.

That as the fruits of said marriage there was born to plaintiff and defendant two children, namely: Woodrow Wilson Simpson, a boy, age 7 years and 6 months old, and James W. Simpson, a boy, age 4 years and 6 months old.

Plaintiff avers that as a part of defendant's harsh and cruel treatment said defendant refused to be at home and remain with this plaintiff while her said child James W. Simpson was born; That said defendant has taken up with some sort of a carnival show and has elected to associate with people of low social strata and moral fibre in preference to remaining with his wife and aiding in the support of his said children. That plaintiff is not strong physically but on account of the defendant's conduct has been compelled to resort to common labor to support herself and said children.

That the conduct of the defendant as aforesaid has wrought upon the nerves and impaired the health of this plaintiff and is such harsh and cruel conduct as to render their longer living together as man and wife insupportable. That defendant is wholly unworthy to have the care and custody of said minor children.

Wherefore plaintiff prays that citation by publication be issued as provided by law, citing the defendant to appear and answer herein, and that upon final hearing hereof she have judgement for divorce, for the custody of her said two children, and for general and special relief in both law and equity will ever pray.

DAVENPORT & BROWN
Attorneys for Plaintiff. (20)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

For Judge 43d Judicial District:

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John M. Harlan
W. H. Stroud
C. E. (Dad) Elliott:
Lee Clement.
J. B. (Jake) Green:

For Commissioner, Prec. 1-6:

Porter Key
Henry Walker.
J. H. Rowan.
Clyde Holt

For Commissioner, Prec. 3-4:

Abe Birdwell.
Will F. Willis
Ernest Dutton
Oscar G. Lowry.
Frank Kelly.
Dan Wilson.

For Public Weigher, Prec. 1-6:

Mat Mooney
John Mitchell
A. J. Pinkerton
Arch Morris
Cris England.

TOM CONNALLY CANDIDATE
FOR UNITED STATES SENATOR
Democratic Primaries, 1928

Fifty years of age and fifty years in Texas.

Farm reared and farm trained. Educated country schools, Baylor and University of Texas.

Left University to join army in war with Spain.

Left seat in Congress to serve as soldier in World War.

Member Texas Legislature 1901-1905.

Prosecuting Attorney 1906-1910.

Elected to Congress 1916 over two strong and popular opponents. In two contests since won by 22,500 and 26,500 majority.

Member Committee on Foreign Affairs and important special Committees.

Delegate Inter-Parliamentary Union Geneva, Switzerland, 1924.

Aggressive advocate in Congress of Democratic principles.

Farm owner and operator.

Advocate and author of measures for farm relief and regulation of cotton exchanges.

Battler for Democracy in doubtful States in National campaigns.

What'll, spring is on its last lap, and no announcement is coming from Led Satterwhite concerning his political program.

Messenger holds that the devilish republicans have a card up their sleeves which carries the likeness of one Calvin, the Silent One. The day of drafting is not passed, we think.

There are now three different kinds of democrats operating in Texas. With poll-tax receipt in snugly pocket in your pocket, you may take your choice and join in the fun and frolic.

The high court in Washington has acquitted Harry Sinclair, and the much accused gentleman has been given a clean bill. Now arises the question, what are Harry's accusers going to do about it?

Oscar Colquitt says that he will not support Al Smith for the presidency. All well and good, Oscar; the sublime old party will go marching on as though such a calamity had not threatened its existence.

Our scouts report that the republicans are watchline that Smith trend, and if they conclude the New York governor is a cliché as democracy's standard-bearer, a "draft" will sweep the Kansas City convention hall.

The senatorial race is warming up, and indications point to a most merry

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You can't get out of the rut, you think, and you give up trying.

But if you can't get rid of the idea that you can't pick yourself out of environment, you are going to mire yourself in penury.

If you convince yourself that you are destined to remain a poor man, you are doing more than anyone else to keep you poor.

If you think you are beaten, of course you will be down and out.

The first step in advancement is to believe in your own future.

Have more confidence in yourself. Think "I can" thoughts.

Others have succeeded, why not you?

Put forth your best efforts—go to the limit in trying to improve.

It is not yours to say when or how you shall succeed.

But it is yours to try to the utmost and never give up.

When you get rid of that conviction of failure you are on the road to success and things are bound to improve for you.—Houston Chronicle.

Al Smith is about the only man I know of on earth that I would not under any circumstance vote for on the democratic ticket, because I believe it would be the greatest calamity that ever happened to this country for him to be handed over the reins of government. I do not expect to live a great while longer and I don't want to die with the thought on my mind that I have acted a traitor to my home and my country. Therefore I will not under any circumstance vote for Al Smith for president of these United States.—Editor Whitehead in Chico Review.

Tom Blanton has hit Texas, and he announces that the fur will fly when he takes the stump. Tom wants the place of Earl Mayfield in the senate, and judging by what Tom says about Earl, a change in ownership of the toga is in the making.

Reports say that Tom Perkins, McKinney's elder statesman, is seeking the place in congress now held by Sam Rayburn, and it is said that Tom is rallying a most sizable following about his banner. Perkins would shine like a new dollar in the national law-making body.

The agency solicited celebrities to indorse various cigarets, health foods and such are reported to have closed their campaign. They are receiving no more names. They have more than they can use in five years. This exploitation was an astounding illustration of how people of prominence would cheapen themselves for a few were paid—which is all right if they feel that way about it—but most of them were eager and anxious to indorse anything so long as they got the publicity. It was a gesture advertising organizations should have nipped in the bud.—O. O. McIntyre in Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

Hear Hon. Louis J. Wardlaw, candidate for governor, in the district court room Saturday, May 12 at 3 P. M.

A check for \$300 is speeding eastward from Kansas City to pay the tuition and other college expenses of James Kyle, a student in the Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Blacksburg, Va. Kyle has lately entered the Agricultural department of the Virginia Institution, registering from Rural Retreat, Va. The \$300 represents prize money donated at the American Royal Stock Show by the Kansas City Merchants' Association to be paid Vocational High School students for excellence in the live stock judging contest at the American Royal last fall. Kyle won second of three prizes totaling \$1000 in cash to be paid on matriculation in an agricultural college.

Gordon Reece, Hillsboro, Texas, took first money, \$500, and Willie Miller, Merimac, Oklahoma, got the third prize of \$300. As these two boys have not yet entered agricultural colleges, their prize money will be held until they do enter.

Another \$1000 in scholarships will be offered at this year's American Royal Live Stock Show, which will be held in Kansas City, November 17-24, 1928, under the same conditions as last year, as an inspiration to Vocational Agricultural High School students anywhere in the United States to do their best in live stock activities.

The situation is clearing up; Con Johnson says he will support the nominee of the Houston convention. "Spect Cone saw the writing on the wall, or the shadow cast before."

M. B. Smith, editor and owner of the Farmersville Times, was in Denton Friday en route to Decatur. While here he said "What is the matter with Denton and Wise Counties that they do not get a good road? Collin and Hunt Counties are very anxious to see this road made useable in all weather as we have many people who would come this way in going West Texas. Now we are forced to get to many miles out of the way to get to the Northwest part of the State. I am going to see if something can't be done in Decatur to get this road started at an early date. It is a very important road and should be made a good highway." Smith formerly lived in Wise County and knows the people there. "Yes," he said, "we have planted onions and carrots this year around Farmersville. We have planted in onions about 5,000 acres and they are looking fine. This year we have started on carrots, which we believe will prove about as good as onions, and as a start there have been planted about 500 acres.—Denton Record-Chronicle.

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That on the 19th day of May 1913 plaintiffs prosecuted a suit against said J. M. Montgomery, defendant, on an indebtedness of defendant to plaintiffs, in the County Court of Wise County, Texas, obtained judgement therein in the principal sum of \$233.46, with interest on said judgement at the rate of ten per cent per annum from date until paid, that all Court costs were taxed against said defendant, and the amount thereof was \$15.05; that defendant has failed and refuses and still refuses to pay said judgement or any part thereof to their aggregate damage in the sum of \$506.50.

Praying that defendant be cited by publication to appear and answer herein, that upon final trial they have

judgement for their debt in the sum of \$506.50, costs of suit and such other and further relief in law and in equity to which they may be justly entitled.

Herein Fall Not, and have before said Court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given Under My Hand and the Seal of said Court, at office in Decatur, Texas, this the 5th day of April, A. D. 1928.

LORY D. WHITE, Clerk County Court, Wise County.
By CLIFTON HALL, Deputy. (18)

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Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Vance, of Silldell were Sunday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Ray.

Miss Thelma Aldridge was a Monday night guest of Miss Dessie Inman.

Rev. Jessie Allison, his mother, Mrs. Mattie Lewis, Charlie, Grady and Lena Lewis spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Inman and Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Rodgers, of Ryan, Oklahoma.

Miss Lola Ray spent this week end at home, her school at Needmore closed Friday and she entered school at Denton Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Radliff and son, Limond Drew, Mr. and Mrs. Hass Tatum, Opal and O. T. Tatum, Audrey and Verna Fae and Evelyn Thomas were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Applewhite.

Miss Laura Allison left Saturday for Seminole, Okla.

Miss Thelma Aldridge was on the sick list Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Baldy of Briar were Saturday night guests of her mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Applewhite and Miss Dessie Inman were in Fort Worth shopping Wednesday.

Miss Nettie Brown and Miss Mary Kindsey of Garvin were visitors at Shiloh Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Vess spent Sunday with friends near Live Oak.

Mr. and Mrs. George Thomas visited Mr. and Mrs. Willie Inman home near Fairview Sunday evening, their baby boy, Ralph, has double pneumonia.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Ray, Marvis and Walter Clyde Ray were Sunday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Wright.

Mrs. J. M. Inman is on the sick list this week.

DRACO NEWS

A nice rain fell here Saturday afternoon accompanied by some hail, but no damage has been reported.

J. Lee Mann, of Biers, was greeting friends here last week.

Uncle Tom Kelley of the Masonic Home at Arlington, has been visiting his nephew, Mr. Lon Kelley here.

Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Tate and child, Lee and Margie Tate, of Ralls, were visiting relatives and friends here last week.

School will close the 27th with a program in the evening.

Chas. Mann, of Ralls, visited the old home place last Monday.

Mrs. Pike came home last Sunday from Mexico where she had been called to the bedside of her son's wife, Mrs. Moore, the patient was much better when Mrs. Pike left.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Meador were visiting at Mr. W. O. Read Sunday.

A. J. Livingood and family and Mrs. Livingood of Cottondale were visiting friends and relatives here one day recently.

SYCAMORE NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Foster spent Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Marion Wilson.

Miss Nellie Frills who has been real sick for a week, is able to be up now.

Coleman McNeely spent Sunday with J. C. and Ralph Sampler.

Mrs. Bulah Weatherby and son, visited in this community Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Sampler and baby of Brumlow spent last week end with Mr. and Mrs. Larn McNeely.

Miss Grace Hall visited Bost Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Stephens visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Frills Sunday night.

Mrs. J. W. Dresskill, who has been visiting friends in this community returned to Decatur Thursday.

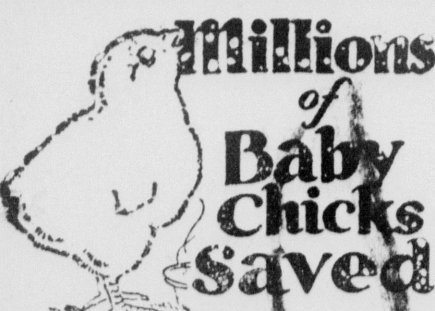
J. R. Branch visited Glenn Murphy Thursday night.

Mrs. Larn McNeely visited Mrs. Guy Sampler Monday afternoon.

School will close here the 4th of May.

Everyone come to S. S. at the Baptist Church Sunday morning at 10 o'clock.

You can't always tell the horsepower of a car by lifting the hood and counting the "plugs."



White diarrhoea and bowel trouble are quickly overcome by

Dr. LeGee's
Cure Diarrhoea
Tablets

A thoroughly dependable remedy. Get a can today. If not satisfied, your money will be refunded.

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EMPIRE DRUG CO., Decatur.

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LONE MOUND NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Barton and children of Alvord spent Thursday night and Friday with Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Pettus.

Mrs. E. B. Bowman spent last week end in Stone Burg with her daughter, Mrs. Hawkins.

Rev. and Mrs. Perry Reytou were dinner guests Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Tharp of the Jonestown community.

Oscar Perkins of Decatur spent a few days last week with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hanna.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Cearley of the Plainview community spent Monday with Mr. and Mrs. K. N. Cleary.

Misses Millie and Vera Farrington spent a while Sunday afternoon at the home of Bessie Monroe.

Misses Rena Alice Davenport, Jettie Cobb and Treva Reytou spent Sunday with Willie Chaborn.

Mrs. Dessie Hornbeck spent Thursday with Mrs. Nikirk of Alvord.

Mrs. Florence Cobb spent Thursday in Alvord with Mrs. Wiley Jones.

Messrs. Robert Earl and Ernest Shirley spent last week end in Snyder, Okla. and Electric, Texas.

Mr. Hugh Cobb spent Sunday with Dilbert Reytou.

Rev. and Mrs. Reytou spent Monday with Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Stafford at Chico.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Pettus spent Monday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Dan House of the White Hill section.

Miss Deany Davis spent Saturday with Mrs. Nettie Reynolds of the Roe community.

Mrs. Sarah Burch, S. B. Spencer and Bulah Peyton spent one evening last week with Mrs. Wheelis near Alvord.

Mrs. Bettie Farrington spent Friday afternoon with Mrs. Dessie Hornbeck.

VALLEY VIEW NEWS

Our school closed on Friday night after a very successful term. The play "All a Mistake" was given, a large crowd was present to enjoy it. We regret to have our teachers leave us, but hope they will return another year.

Our hearts were made sad on last Saturday the 14th by the death of Mr. George Garrison at the home of his son at Tuttle, Okla. The body was brought back to Bethel and entered in that cemetery Monday afternoon. Rev. Heathington conducted the funeral.

Mr. Garrison was 84 years of age. He was a good christian man also an old soldier. He left to mourn his death one daughter, Mrs. Hobson and one son, Will, and 2 grandchildren, two great grandchildren, besides a host of friends.

The teachers carried their pupils on a picnic Thursday. Several mothers went and a table of good things was spread, and then a wade in the creek was enjoyed by all.

Elmer Garrison and wife, of Tuttle, Okla. spent Monday night with Mrs. Lee Roseburg.

Floyd Garrison and Mrs. Hobson spent Monday night with Mrs. Hicks. Wallace and Vern Garrison spent Monday night with Charlie Rawle.

Miss Green spent Tuesday night in the homes of Mrs. Hicks and Spain. Mrs. J. W. Pinkerson and children spent Saturday afternoon at Mrs. Spain's.

Mrs. C. W. Spain spent the week end at Van Spain's entertaining a new baby boy.

We had a good rain Saturday afternoon which everyone was glad to see.

Joe Wooliver has been confined to his home on account of rumps but is doing nicely.

Rouse: "Hey, Denny, didja go to any of the parties give us week or Mary?"

Denny: "Mary who?"

Rouse: "Mary Christmas, old chap."

NEWARK NEWS

Mr. W. F. Cannon, of Roanoke spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Allen.

Miss Merle Huddleston whose marriage to Mr. Carl Aeff will take place April 28 was honored Saturday afternoon with a miscellaneous shower by Mildred Van Zant, who was assisted in the entertainment by her mother and sister, Martha Ann, from C. I. A. and Mrs. P. H. Rouer. Refreshments were served to the honoree and Mesdames L. B. Huddleston, J. H. Yancey, Q. P. Lewis, Will Wilkinson, J. F. Huddleston, Aubrey Stephens, D. B. Rogers, Will Lasater, R. O. Hagood, P. H. Rouer, A. A. Allen, R. W. Hiatt, Knox Hutchinson, H. F. Hill, W. L. Van Zant, Misses Gladys Hutchinson, Betty Wells, Jewel Gillenwater, Martha Ann Van Zant and the hostess.

Mr. J. A. Graham and daughter, Ruth, were in Fort Worth Saturday.

Visitors at the home of Mrs. Bettie Gillinwater Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Vandiver and daughter, Ruby and Mozell, and Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Hayes and daughter, Norma Jean, all of Fort Worth and Miss Hazel Yeakum.

Mr. Hoy Payne spent Sunday in Fort Worth.

Dr. and Mrs. W. C. Huddleston went to Fort Worth Monday morning.

Mrs. Vassie Younger was a Fort Worth visitor Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Payne were Dallas visitors Sunday.

Miss Martha Ann Van Zant of C. I. A. Denton spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Van Zant.

GREENWOOD NEWS

Miss Kate Warren of Childress, is visiting her uncle, E. B. Brown.

Mrs. Dean Dodge of Childress is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. Best and other relatives.

A play, "The Deacon" will be presented by the high school here Friday night, April 27.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Washburn were Bowie visitors Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Veal and Mrs. E. P. Milligan went to Bridgeport Tuesday to visit Mr. McClary who is sick.

Mrs. L. W. Still was called to Shiloh Friday to the bedside of little Johnnie May Moore, her grand daughter, who is seriously ill with diphtheria.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Locke and sister, Opal of Paradise, were week end visitors of L. W. Still.

The club girls with their leader, Miss Mauldin, enjoyed a picnic on the creek Saturday, also a hike of several miles.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. McDaniel and Miss Lucille Pickett were Henrietta visitors Saturday.

Miss Eli, who is attending C. I. A. Denton, was a guest of her friend, Miss Kate Warren in the E. B. Brown home the past week.

Mr. Adams has started a dairy on his farm here.

Bro. Singleton filled his appointment at the Baptist church Saturday night, Sunday morning and night.

The daily grind is harder when it is devoted to sharpening someone else's axe.

"When is she thinking of getting married?"

"When isn't she?"

Messenger want ads bring results.

CHILDREN'S FATAL DISEASES

Worms and parasites in the intestines of children undermine health and weaken their vitality. They are unable to resist the diseases so fatal to children. The safe course is to give a few doses of White's Cream Vermifuge. It destroys and expels the worms without the slightest injury to the health or activity of the child. Price 35c. Sold by

EMPIRE DRUG COMPANY
RENFRO DRUG STORES

Boys and the Farm

Some writers lament the fact that boys are leaving the farms, as though a farm boy had not the same right to choose his vocation in life as other boys. There would be as much logic in asserting that the son of a coal miner, for instance, should not aspire to be anything but a coal miner.

Of course, if a farm boy has no ambition to enter business or a profession, or is not willing to apply himself to learning a skilled trade, he had better stay on the farm. Without education he would be worse off in town, or city than in the country, probably remaining a common laborer.

But for the intelligent farm boy who can secure an education it cannot be denied that the cities offer wider opportunities. In fact, many of the leaders in every field of endeavor came originally from the farm.

While most of the trades and professions appear to be crowded today, farming is also overdone, as may be seen by the unsatisfactory condition of agriculture. More farm products are raised than can be marketed at a profit over the cost of production.

Whenever the demand exceeds the supply we shall see better prices for agricultural products and we shall also see people going back to the farm. But until that time comes the farm boy should be encouraged to enter any vocation for which his talents and education are fitted.

It may be added that there are even now excellent opportunities right on the farm for boys and others who will study and apply modern agricultural methods. But the future holds little for the indolent and shiftless, on the farm or anywhere else.—White-wright Sun.

Worth While Club

The Worth While Club was entertained in the home of Mrs. S. A. Lillard Sr., Thursday April 19.

After a short business session and roll call, all enjoyed a very interesting contest. The prize was presented to Mrs. Jack Rieger.

Music was furnished by Misses Gladys Thompson and Betty Lou Lillard.

Lovely refreshments were served to the following: Mesdames Fred Thompson, T. J. Elder, C. E. Caviness, T. H. Wright, A. J. Mann, Jack Rieger, Buster Pearson, D. H. Rowan, Lute Renshaw, Jack Walker, J. M. Gibbon, Joe Rogers and Will Renshaw.

A good word is an easy obligation, but to speak ill requires only our silence, which costs us nothing.

Five Paris nurses were discharged for giving patients ink instead of beef tea by mistake.

VALLEY VIEW

Mrs. M. J. Harton and Mrs. Chas. Green visited Mrs. Fred Anderson Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Brown attended singing at this place Sunday night.

Our school closed Friday. Mrs. Desda Kendall and Miss Gearldine Green entertained the children with a picnic Thursday.

Mr. M. J. Harton and Lee Boydston were in Chico Saturday on business. Misses Opal Ruth and Della Mae Gill entertained the young folks with a party Saturday night.

Miss Mary Jane Brown of Bridgeport visited Miss Lucine Garrison Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Rosenberg in the Bethel community visited Mr. and Mrs. Lee Rosenberg Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Kendall of Bridgeport visited Mr. and Mrs. Sam Johnson Sunday.

Miss Alice Harton visited Misses Opal and Della Mae Gill Friday.

FOR HOME AND STABLE

The extraordinary Borozone treatment for flesh wounds, cuts, sores, galls, burns and scalds is just as effective in the stable as in the home. Horse flesh heals with remarkable speed under its powerful influence. The treatment is the same for animals as for humans. First wash out infectious sores with liquid Borozone, and the Borozone Powder completes the healing process. Price (liquid) 30c, 60c and \$1.20. Powder 30c and 60c. Sold by

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Don't let white diarrhoea and other bowel troubles kill them. Star Roup and Diarrhoea Tablets will prevent and relieve them or money back. (17)

NOTICE --

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—I wish to thank my many good friends for the nice business they have given me. Dealing with you has been a pleasure and I have done my best to please you.

—Again thanking you, I am

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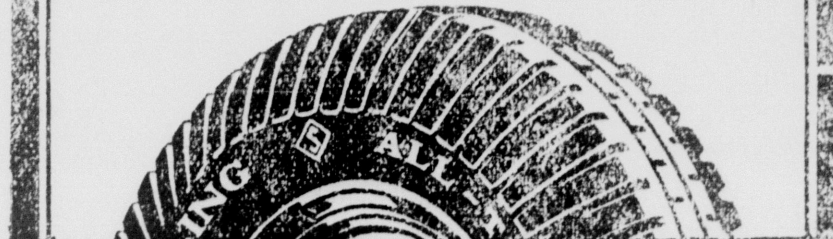
We have just received our first shipment and would be glad for you to come around and give them the "once over."

MORE PEOPLE

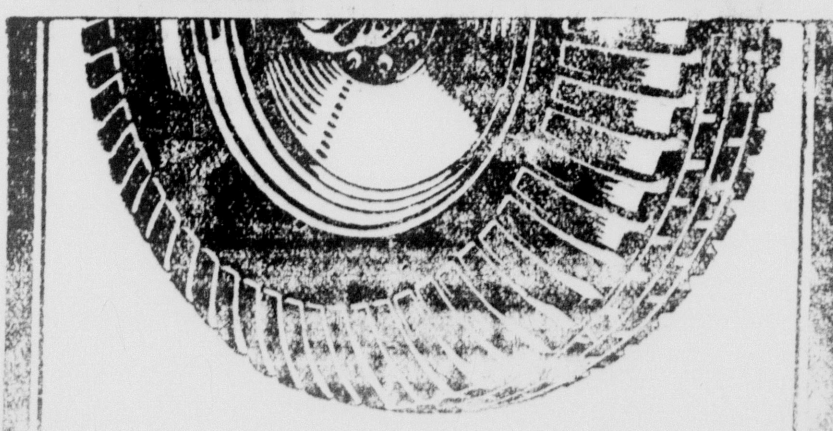
are buying Seiberling Tires than ever before because they get a real tire protection 12 months from date of purchase.

A NEW SERVICE

We have just installed an ALE-MITE LUBRIGUN that enables us to grease your car under air pressure. The latest and most up-to-date equipment on the market.



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By our Budget Payment Plan you pay only a portion of the price at the time of purchase—the balance on regular deferred payments.

A NEW MEAT MARKET ---

I have opened a market in my Grocery store and will carry a full line of fresh and cured meats, boiled, baked hams, lunch meats of all kinds.

COME IN AND GIVE US A TRIAL

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To Be Held At Denton Luncheon Given For Women's Short Course

The Second Annual Short Course for Women, to be held at the College of Industrial Arts at Denton next Thursday, May 3, promises to be attended by a thousand north Texas women. The sessions will begin at 9 o'clock when visitors will be given an opportunity to visit and inspect all major departments of the big college plant. Other forenoon features are an address by the President, Dr. L. H. Hubbard and inspection of college dining halls. From one o'clock till two a basket dinner will be served on the campus from viands brought by the visitors, the college furnishing fruit salads, pickles, coffee, tea, ice cream and ice water. It is suggested that guests bring their lunches composed mainly of meats, sandwiches, cake and bread.

Afternoon Dr. Fred W. Westcott, Director of the Department of rural Arts, will speak on the subject "The Problem of Beautifying the Home Grounds." A clothing demonstration and discussion of "What Every Club Woman Ought to Know." This meeting is for home-making women. Miss Alma Sims, Wise County Home Demonstration Agent, will head a delegation of county club women to the gathering. She also invites the co-operation and attendance of Denton women and the Denton Chamber of Commerce, working with Miss Sims, will endeavor to interest the attendance of a number of Denton ladies. The Chamber of Commerce is especially interested in the improvement of Denton homes and premises and would like to have Denton ladies her the address of Prof. Westcott on this subject. A very pleasant as well as instructive day should be spent by all who may be induced to attend and all are invited.

Beneath The Sun

(Being a poem by King Tut)
"There's nothing new beneath the sun!"
Mayhap this line and cry,
Has dinned your ears throughout the years,
As each new day slipped by,
Applied to you, has this been true?
Have you perchance found out,
There's nothing new for you to do,
Or think or rave about?
No lamps to light? No shores to sight?
No new tasks to be done,
Because there's naught in life's great fight,
That's new—beneath the sun.
Then you have missed the scheme of things,
Then in the dark you grope,
For each new day brings on dawning wings,
That priceless boom—New Hope!
New Hope! To fill the doubting breast,
With courage to go on,
To give your best to stand the test
Till doubt and fear are gone!
New Words to speak to cheer a friend,
A new desire to please,
The heart is blind that cannot find
Such miracles as these!
For woe is he who cannot see,
That in this great old sphere,
Each new-born day must make its way,
Create each new-born year,
Think not of fame, it fits but few,
The garment's seldom won;
But there's always something you can do,
That's new—beneath the sun!

Half-Way Poisoning Will Lead To Failure

The committee has advanced information that there will be resorts to poisoning in every part of Wise County this year. It wants to re-emphasize that half way measures will lead to failures and in the general order of things and the constitution of human nature, a few of such occurrences are expected to happen. Every man who turns up later in the season with the prospect of a good crop, however, should not hesitate to use the dust if his crop is threatened. In fact he should make provision for his machine and the dust at the earliest opportunity possible at the time he plants. It now looks as if there might be some danger of delay in respect to these important advance provisions.

If at this juncture it could be ascertained how many expect to use the method and how much Calcium arsenate each will need a considerable saving could be made in the purchase of the dust which comes cheaper when bought in car load lots. Also farmers should now make a study of the methods of applying the dust, the kind of machines to use etc. The committee acknowledges it is short on this kind of information itself but is trying to find out what are the best and most adaptable machines, and their cost as well as where they may be obtained. Intending cotton planters who also intend to use the poison, would confer a service on themselves and their neighbors if they would call or send a registration of the number of acres they intend to plant either to County Agent E. C. Jameson, or the chamber of commerce, Denton. It may be from this information a pool could be formed for the buying of as much as a car load of the material. According to the information from the department there is little danger of poisoning livestock from the dusting of calcium arsenate on cotton in the usual manner.

Luncheon Given For Hon. Tom Connally

The following citizens attended the luncheon given Hon. Tom Connally at the Greathouse Hotel following the speaking Tuesday at 11 o'clock: C. T. George, M. W. Burch, Mrs. W. S. Gilbert, W. P. Thurmond, Grady Woodruff, J. W. Lillard, Mrs. J. W. Lillard, C. P. Dodson, E. A. Davenport, Jennings C. Brown, Dr. S. J. Petty, M. E. Lobdell, E. P. Gibson and wife, Judge S. M. Ward, Rev. Mayes, T. J. Dillehay, S. A. Lillard, J. L. Jeffries, W. W. Boyd, Rev. R. E. Bell, Gas Hughes, Capt. H. E. Brady, Jim B. Thomas of Alvord, Dick Collins, J. A. Simmons, Dr. J. L. Ward and A. H. Brady of Ft. Worth. The list furnished Messenger by host P. L. Jones of the Greathouse.

Small Cyclone Passes Below Decatur Friday

A cyclone of considerable proportions passed six miles south of Decatur Friday shortly after the noon hour, and citizens living in that section took to their storm cellars. The cyclone was traveling east and passed near the Tom Sandifer home. An automobile on the Meridian Highway and several outbuildings were destroyed by the wind. A heavy hail visited Decatur community at the time. Another strong wind, almost the proportions of a cyclone, was reported north of town.

Aurora Cemetery To Hold Annual Working

The annual working of the Aurora cemetery will be Saturday April 28th 1928. Your presence will be appreciated, and any donations you care to make for the up keep of the cemetery you can send to the First National Bank, Rhame, Texas.

Yours Very Truly,
Aurora Cemetery Committee

The O. F. F. Club

The O. F. F. Club met Friday evening at the home of Miss Rena Counts, on So. Trinity street. Level readings were given by Miss Isabelle Hunt and the hostess. An interesting contest was carried out, the prize being won by Miss Ina Moore.

After a pleasant business and social hour, a delicious plate luncheon was served to the following members: Misses Tinaeade Below, Minnie Pearl Annette, Margaret Boyd, Elmer Vernee Clark, Anna Eloyse Cook, Olena Davenport, Mildred Dillehay, Eva Greer, Isabelle Hunt, Frances Jarne Lacey, Annette McMorde, Imogene Moore, Dorothy Patterson, Flora Reeves, Hannah Marie Renshaw, Marion Smith, Alma Wilkerson, Naomi Wright, Johnnie Blankenship and Fannie Peppi Askey.

Mr. Fred Hiner and family of Mountain Park, Okla., spent the week end in Alvord visiting his mother, Mrs. Mary Hiner, and other relatives. Mr. I. H. Hiner of Joshua, Johnson County, also spent the week end with relatives in Alvord. These gentlemen came principally to see their mother, Mrs. Mary Hiner, who was 86 years old Tuesday of this week. The Hiner family has a very enjoyable reunion. —Alvord News.

When Senator Mayfield introduced his resolution in the senate to institute an investigation of the Dallas federal reserve bank management, the Messenger stated that there was something "in a decayed state in the land of Denmark" that all was not well with the Guinn Williams effort to bring Tally before the bar of justice in the national congress; that there was a colored man in the wood-pile, and some peculiar pranks were being played, with an honest endeavor to give the oppressed country bankers of the Dallas district relief from the high-handed methods of a better overlord. And, now comes the "cut out of bag; Mayfield running true to form in playing close to the big fellows, put the quietus on Congressman Williams' best efforts by having the investigation put to sleep in the senate. A smooth piece of politics, and the part of the senator, by Tom Connally is giving the people the inside story, and the country bankers are opening their eyes.

Passing Of Ox-Cart Advent Of Automobile

"Hi, Judy!" "Who-ee-ee, Spot." "Gee, Reddy!" loudly spoke a man clad in homespun and wearing a dark fur cap as travelers passing by a small community consisting of eight or ten tiny cottages and no business houses.

Judy and Spot were oxen and each was pulling an ox-cart. "Reddy" was among the four-yoke that were drawing the large covered wagon. The speaker wanted Judy and Reddy to turn a little to the right and Spot to the left.

Finally the teams stopped near one house, as a man came out of the front door. Small faces peered from beneath the flaps of the wagon while a woman in the front seat held the reins. The man in homespun spoke to the man who had emerged from the small house.

"It is named 'Denton,' sir," replied the man. "The county seat is a few miles further on. Tarrant county is to the south."

The driver of the teams was named McGinnis and father of S. J. McGinnis Sr., a present citizen of Denton. He was moving his family from Buffalo, Mo., to Tarrant county, and passed through Denton on October 3, 1857.

First Buggy

S. J. McGinnis Sr., who was in the covered wagon, was then a lad of 12. Fifty-seven years ago he returned to the small town (which has grown considerably), bringing his bride from Houston. They traveled in a buggy. In a short time they drove over to Grapevine in their buggy where about 300 persons gathered to inspect the queer vehicle.

McGinnis says that a general mode of travel was then horseback, both men and women. If a large family wanted to go to church one or two yoke of oxen were hitched to the crude farm wagon and the family would climb in. Traveling in ox-wagons or ox-carts were shop-made, and were usually made of bois d'arc, the iron tires being about three or four inches wide. They were very clumsy looking.

Ox-Wagon Freighting

Freighting was done in the early days in much larger and heavier wagons, from five to seven yoke of oxen being driven to one wagon. The wagon would contain a large quantity of goods. In freighting, the ordinary yokes and bows were not used, but a smooth pole was tied up in front of the oxen's heads, the oxen pulling by sheer pressure on their heads.

After the buggies became rather familiar, the wealthier families were able to own a "carriage," which was usually drawn by two beautiful horses. The "surrey" and "hack" came into use later on. McGinnis states that he never saw a surrey until after he had been in Texas 35 or 40 years.

The "rubbertired" buggy was a still later "edition" of the vehicle. "It was in 1892 that I saw an automobile for the first time," McGinnis stated. "The people of Denton were lured by it as a small boy is by a circus." —Denton Record-Chief file.

Who Is A Friend?

Who is a friend? I will tell you. He is a person with whom you dare to be yourself. Your soul can go naked with him. He seems to ask of you to put on nothing only to be what you are. He does not want you to be better or worse. When you are with him you feel as a prisoner feels who has been declared innocent. You do not have to be in your guard. You can say what you think, so long as it is genuinely you. He understands those contradictions in your nature that lead others to misjudge you. With him you breathe free. You can allow your little vanities and envies and hates and vicious sparks, your meanness and absurdities, and is opening them up to him. They are lost, dissolved on the ocean of his loyalty. He understands. You do not have to be careful. You can abuse him, neglect him, tolerate him. Best of all you can keep still with him. It makes no matter. He likes you. He is like wine that warms you to the bone. He understands you. You can weep with him, laugh with him, and pray with him. Through him, underneath it all he sees, knows and loves you. A friend, I repeat, is one with whom you dare to be yourself and whom you can trust. —Exchange.

The Typographical

When you've worked your very hardest to read all your proofs with care, Till you're sure there's not an error or bonehead anywhere, And you really feel quite cheery and disposed to pat your bean As you say "She may be empty, but I'll tell the world she's clean!" But when the sheet is printed and is out upon the mail, On its way to the subscriber, I have never seen it fail—

In the center of the front page, in the most conspicuous place, Some typographic error fairly kicks you in the face!

For the typographic error is a slippery thing and sly;

You can hunt till you are dizzy, but it somehow will get by.

Till the forms are off the presses, it is strange how still it keeps— It shrinks down into the corner and it never stirs or peeps. That typographic error is too small for human eyes.

Till the ink is on the paper, when it grows to mountain size,

And you see that blasted error, far as you could throw a dog.

Leaning up in all its splendor, like a lighthouse in a fog!

That glaring blunder juts out like an ulcerated tooth.

Where it dodges the eagle vision of the napping comma sleuth.

It is sure too late to mend it, but it fills your soul with rage.

The boss he stares with horror, then he grabs his hair and grins.

The copy reader drops his head upon his hands and moans:

The remainder of the issue may be clean as clean can be.

But that typographic error is the only thing they see.

It was down among the six-point till the copy was all read.

When it shifted into blackface or a two-inch banner head;

Then when the sheet was printed it jumped out and hollered, "Boo!"

You never saw me, did you? This sure is a horse on you!"

Of another choice position is the middle of a name

In a classy social write-up sent in by some hard-boiled dame

Right there in the cognomen of some blooming social rose.

That typographic error thumbs a contumacious nose!—Exchange.

The story of the wonderful opportunities and rich resources of Texas will be laid before the million and a half members of the American Legion and its Auxiliary thru a beautifully illustrated American Legion convention yearbook to be issued for the tenth national convention of the world war veterans' organization of San Antonio, October 8 to 12, according to Philip B. Stapp, general convention director.

Nationwide distribution will be given to the book, which will be the largest publication of its kind ever issued in the state. Mr. Stapp said the story will also be carried in a large number of foreign countries where the Legion has posts. Distribution will be made this spring.

Representative Legionnaires all over the country will receive the book. In addition, it will be mailed to the commander and adjutant of each of the 11,500 Legion posts and the president and secretary of each of the 5,000 units of the Legion Auxiliary.

The book will be in four colors and will be beautifully printed, according to Mr. Stapp. Advertising men and artists who have seen the layout plans for the book declare that it is the finest and most comprehensive book descriptive of the state which has ever been published.

Photographs of San Antonio and Texas in general, the border towns, the army camps and air fields, all spots of historic and scenic interest to be visited by the 100,000 convention visitors will be featured.

The editorial contents as planned by Mr. Stapp and Howard C. Smith, publicity director for the convention will include an article on the resources and opportunities of Texas, a historical sketch of San Antonio, the full story of convention plans and program, a brief history of the Legion and other feature material.

T. Walker, Jr., of San Antonio, a man with much advertising experience all over Texas, has been appointed advertising manager for the year book, Mr. Stapp said.

If married men are smarter than single ones why did they ever get married?

It Actually Happened

A South Dakota country editor while getting his mail from the post-office of his home town, heard a business man of the town place an order with the postmaster for 2000 printed envelopes. After placing the order the business man apologized to the editor for not giving him the order, stating that he could buy them from Uncle Sam for so much less money. The editor accepted the argument as a matter of fact.

A few hours later the editor's small son applied to his daddy for a new overcoat. The editor had a happy thought, and immediately took the youngster up to the postoffice and gave the postmaster an order for a new overcoat for the lad, but was informed that the Government did not sell overcoats. The editor then asked the privilege of placing an order with the postmaster for a new pair of shoes for himself, but was told that Uncle Sam did not sell shoes, and in fact did not enter into competition with any private business except printing.

Now that editor, and several thousand more just like him, are trying to ascertain why Uncle Sam should show this discrimination. If he is privileged to enter into competition with the printers of the land, why not also go to selling shoes, overcoats, radios and other lines of merchandise? And if our Uncle considers it his duty to save money on printed envelopes why not organize a monster general merchandise business and save the same people more money on everything they buy?

United States Senators and Congressmen are being asked these questions in constantly increasing numbers. —Exchange.

When she shipped on an icy railroad track, Miss Ruth Cazan of Evanston, Ill., lay flat between the rails while a train passed over without injuring her.

A different kind of constructive effort is that reflected in Decatur as the outgrowth of the operation of one of Decatur's most valued institutions, the Decatur Building & Loan Association. What this organization has done for the town is something else for the community to chirrup over, its safety, strength, and potentiality to do a still greater good—a thing to pride in. Already one hundred thousands of Decatur people's money has been put back into Decatur homes through the building and loan association. Just this week arrangements for the construction of six more nice homes for Decatur through the loan association were concluded. These houses are to be building right away.

Also there is the fine new milk plant of the Tennessee Company to provide the local dairy output with four different outlets to market. The plant is rapidly nearing completion and is being equipped with the most modern machinery that eastern manufacturing centers can build. If you don't think so go down and see what is going on. No expense is being spared to make the plant one of the foremost in the state of its kind. And with production in sight far exceeding what is available to others now building elsewhere, it beggars the imagination to estimate the prosperity that will flow from this undertaking to us if only we will co-operate and do our parts.

Our girl friend isn't dumb—but she asked if a good ball pitcher would "throw" the game.

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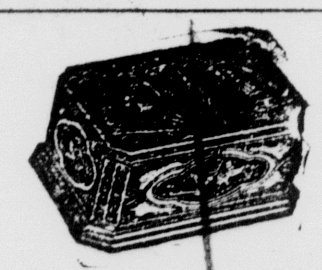
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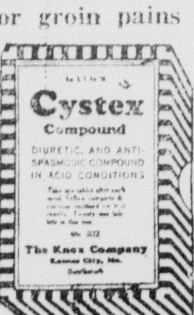
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Skygak Outlines Movie Scenario

Some of these days we are going to sit down and write, for the benefit of our two readers a real "blood and thunder" movie scenario. In our sketch will be a real hero and a real honest-to-goodness heroine. There will be plenty of thrills and blood (real gore) and stampeded herds and shot guns and rescues from the horns of a mad steer; in fact everything will be in our picture that has ever happened, and a whole lot that never happened and never will happen, outside of a real movie such as we will write.

The frame work of the plot will be laid on a ranch some where in Oklahoma, up round Curtis or Woodward or Clinton. It will make no difference to the reader which of the above named towns is honored by the play just so it is written in Oklahoma.

The plot will open up on the ranch of an old man by the name of Goins. Of course we could call the old man Kummings if it would please the reader any better but it really wouldn't add anything to the play as the old man will look like he was comin' and goin' both before we get done with him. So, unless there is a mad demand by the readers to have the old man's name changed, it will remain Goins, just as we have billed him. And, as we were saying before the reader interrupted, the plot will open on the ranch of this old man Goins, as he has already received eleven dollars and thirty cents as half pay for the use of his ranch for the scene and has promised to wash up and put on his good clothes for the occasion and would naturally be disappointed if the plot were laid elsewhere.

Scene 1 will open with a landscape. In the foreground will stand a house; but there will be no honeysuckles or bachelor-buttons climbing over the door. The reason for this is that it is too early in the spring for such things and because it is too dry in that country for such things to grow. But the scene will nevertheless be worthy of a painter. The house, especially needs painting and likewise the yard fence. The front gate will swing by one leather hinge and by its side will stand our lovely heroine, Saphronia, the only daughter of old man Goins. Her natural loveliness will be enhanced 30 or 40 per cent by a large yellow celluloid tucking-comb that holds a knot of fiery red hair, about the size of a goose egg, to the back of her head; the gleam of a gaiter-percha ring on her left thumb will tell the casual observer that she is engaged.

Scene 2 will open up with the fair damsel standing by the sagging gate gazing into the dim distance at a spiral of dust that may be seen rising above the western horizon. It is now the proper time to bring in the solitary horseman. He is seen coming out of the dust of cloud riding a fleabitten bronc, and from his uneasiness in the saddle, it is evident that he has been riding long and is the least bit saddle-galled. He looks at his six cylinder watch, takes a benevolent chew of tobacco, plunges his huge Mexican spurs into the panting steed. The ambitious steed rears forward plunges into the gathering gloom at the terrific rate of fourteen miles in fourteen days, while a bitter oath escapes from the clinching teeth and foam flecked lips of the piece-a-toed rider.

Scene 3 will open up the same as scene 2 with the fair damsel still standing at the gate in listening attitude. Suddenly there breaks on her elephant-like ear the sound of a horse's hoof.

"Aha!" she murmurs, "hist! it is him." (The last expression shows how great is her excitement as she has forgotten all her grammar.) "Blast his ugly picture! Why didn't he show some style and get here on time?" And she impatiently mashes a huge mosquito on her arm. Any one can see as she stands there that she is mad as a wet hen and Pigeon-toed Pete, the hero of the picture, sees at a glance that his goose is cooked as he rides up but he is fixed for just such an occasion. He springs from his panting steed and placing his chew of tobacco on the other side of his mouth, plants a long, wide, passionate kiss on her burning cheek. The effect of this kiss and the smell of Brown mule tobacco is too much for the fair damsel and she wilts. She pillows her sunny head on his panting breast for 30 minutes and heaves three dry sobs. The reason she heaves dry sobs is to conserve the moisture. They practice dust-mock farming in Okla. and all the moisture has to be saved. Even the moisture in tears is too precious to be wasted in the foolishness of sobbing. (Children too young to sob by the dry method are taught to sob in a jug or bottle.)

Scene 4 opens with Pete and Saphronia still locked in terrific embrace and the old man is seen coming out from behind the rain barrel with a shotgun on his arm. Pete is passionately pleading with Saphronia to flee with him to the nearest justice of the peace and get spliced. He has finished his harangue, whatever that is, when the old man slips up and pokes him in the side with his old shot gun and tells the ardent swain that he had better not linger to any great extent. Just at this tense moment when it looks like all is off between Pete and the fair damsel an old bridle steer comes charging out of

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

The First Christian Church members gave an open house reception Friday evening at 8 o'clock at the beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Shults, honoring Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Thurmond, who have just returned from their wedding tour in South Texas. After each guest had registered in the guest book, presided over by Mrs. C. W. Ferguson, and were served with punch, the program of the evening was opened with a reading by Vavian Pierson. Followed by a piano number with Miss Bess Coleman at the piano, after which Mr. N. A. Moore, accompanied by Miss Ada Cates, sang "Because God Gave Me You." In the diversion of the evening the prize was presented to the bud vases was presented to the honor-freshments a beautiful gift of antique bud vases was presented to the honorees, this being the gift of the church. Punch was served thruout the evening by three charming young ladies, Billie Shults, Jewel Maley and Juanita Alland. About seventy guests were present.

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the brush and makes for the trio by the gate. The fair Saphronia utters three or four screams and breaks for the house while the old man drops his gun and climbs a sapling. The hero jumps into the saddle, loosens his lariat and gets into the chase. His first cast misses the steer but catches the heroine by the off hind leg and drags her from the path of the maddened steer. By this time the half wild bronc has up so much speed that he drags the fair Saphronia fourteen miles before Pete can stop him.

"Oh" says the reader, "You promised us plenty of blood and thunder in the picture." So we did, dear reader, and it is there. The thunder is the roar the old man lets out when he sees Pete dragging away his only daughter; and the blood comes from the old man's nose when he busts it on a rock as he falls out of the sapling.

For the benefit of our old maid reader, who is so romantic, we wish that we could announce that this picture will close with a wedding between Pete and Saphronia. But such a prediction would be too uncertain, as Saphronia was already mad to start with and being dragged around by one hind foot is not calculated to sweeten her temper any. So all we can do is to hope for the best and let romance take its course.

"BIRTH OF A NATION" SEEN AS LIBERIA GROWS RUBBER

Concession of Million Acres To Firestone Company Puts Country "On the Map"

By Wisco Service Station.

Local Firestone Service Dealer.

New economic and commercial life has been brought to the little West African republic of Liberia as the result of plans completed by the Firestone Tire & Rubber Company for growing rubber on an exclusive concession of 1,000,000 acres of virgin lands granted by the Liberian Government.

Founded in 1821 by a group of philanthropic Americans with the object of affording a home to freed slaves desiring to return to Africa, Liberia has struggled manfully for its existence for over a century. But the United States has ever been the little country's friend and counsellor, and now a great tire company's enterprise has given it new life.

Liberia has an area of 43,000 square miles, and is situated between 4 and 8 degrees north latitude, being about 4,000 miles from New York. The country has a population of approximately 2,000,000 native Africans. There are about 200 Americans and Europeans centered in Monrovia, the capital, where the headquarters of the Firestone Plantations Co., are located.

Liberia has the best natural advantages for economical production of high grade rubber. It has a practically inexhaustible supply of healthy industries native laborers, engaged for centuries in agricultural pursuits. It has a number of trees of rubber producing varieties, apart from the transplanted Hevea. The British had already recognized Liberia as a country of rubber growing potentialities, an English syndicate having operated a 2,000 acre plantation there before the war. This is also in the concession granted the Firestone Company, its seed forming the basis for its present cultivated rubber lands.

Liberia has several navigable rivers, running inland from the sea from 15 to 25 miles. Its land transportation, however, is totally undeveloped, there being no railroads, and until the advent of the Firestone interests, no passable highways.

Health conditions in Liberia are said to be exceptional for the tropics. The natives are strong and healthy, epidemics being unknown. There is a surprising absence of winged pests, this being largely due to the country's excellent natural drainage.

The natives cultivate rice, corn,

EXPENSE OF HOG-RAISING CUT

Great interest is being taken in Bola in the raising of hogs despite the discouraging prices.

The increase in the dairy industry there, and the fact that very little whole milk is marketed, is given as the reason for the presence of more hogs on the farms.

Farmers in most cases sell either cream or butter and the skimmed milk is fed to the chickens and hogs. It is being observed, however, that the small hog lot and the consequent high cost of feeding the hogs kept in close confinement is being done away with and in its stead many farmers have fenced off several acres with hog-proof fencing material.

Others have their entire farm fenced hogproof and during several months of the year, when no damage can be done to growing crops, the hogs are running at large on the farm with no feed necessary except skimmed milk.

During the Winter they graze on small grain and in the Spring and Summer small patches of sudan grass are planted and fenced off so that the hogs may help themselves. Thus upkeep is reduced to a minimum.

By raising hogs in this manner there is money in them even at the present low prices, farmers say.

D. B. C. Ex's Planning Honor Former Teacher

All ex-students of Decatur Baptist College who knew and loved Miss Bernice Reed during the time she was a teacher in the college are to gather again on the campus for the purpose of honoring their former teacher and friend. A banquet Saturday night and other special features are on the two day program for Saturday and Sunday, May 5 and 6.

LIVING ROOM CONTEST CLOSES

Final judging on the Living-Room contest is being made this week, and announcements of prize-winners will be made May 1. Club reports are to be sent in to the home demonstration agent's office not later than May 5.

tropical fruits, and coffee, the latter together with kola nuts, ivory and a small amount of timber, representing the principal items of export.

Because it is American, the Firestone rubber development has been cordially welcomed, and it is evident that a new era has dawned for Liberia.

Woman's Bible Class

The Woman's Bible Class of the M. E. Church, met Monday, April 23, at 3 p. m. with Mrs. John Scott. Mrs. Scott and Mrs. Laura VanMeter were hostesses, and Mrs. Earl Douglas was the leader of a very interesting lesson, Second Timothy. A dainty salad course was served to twenty-five The Missionary Society will meet with Mrs. J. H. Cates in social service meeting, Monday, April 30, at 2 o'clock. Let each woman bring her thimble.—Reporter.

EASTLAND TO HAVE AN EGG STORAGE PLANT

Eastland—Construction of a cold storage plant is underway and its facilities will be used by the Bankhead Poultry Producers' Association for the storage of eggs. The plant will have a capacity of 1,6000 cases and can be added to, if necessary. It is being built by the Crystal Ice and Storage Company.

Bankers, at the recent meeting of the Eastland County Bankers' Association, manifested a favorable attitude toward assisting the poultry association in financing the storage of eggs this Spring, said George W. Briggs, secretary of the association.

Sheriff George Gage and his force have been attending to the activities of the bootleggers for the past several days, and as a result of their efforts the county jail is first filling with the men who hold that hick-making is the shortest cut to the easy life. Three Mexicans were taken in tow the other day, after a raid by the sheriff and his deputies was made on an underground still, five miles west of Newark. A large quantity of mash and liquor were taken along with the Mexicans; several white men have been arrested on similar charges.

Mrs. Luther Reed attended the funeral of Mrs. C. I. Miller and daughter, Winna, of Fort Worth, Texas, who were killed Tuesday evening about 8:30 when a touring car driven by Mrs. Miller's son overturned on the Floydada-Luckney highway four miles north of Floydada. The daughter was instantly killed and the mother died enroute to the Floydada Sanitarium.

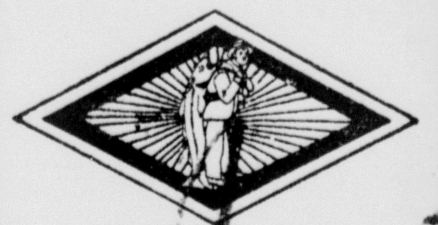
Alvord—A fifty by seventy mill house is to be erected here.

Pampa—A new carbon black plant is being established in Pampa.

Band Concert

Overly cool breezes and tent show competition rather diminished the attendance on the opening of the Decatur Band, conducted by Director Scott Avery on the courthouse lawn Tuesday night. Those who were present heard a good rendition and discovered that the boys have steadily improved as a result of regular winter practices. A group of new and inspiring numbers not heretofore played in public demonstration that the band is essaying and playing a continually improving and higher order of music. Gradually is being absorbed into the older organization a number of the younger boys who for several months past have been under Director Avery's instruction and comporting themselves well. The band is to give periodical open air concerts thruout the spring and summer.

Mada Walker entertained with a birthday party Thursday April 19. Old fashion games were played. Refreshments were served to the following: Veeda Bennett, Billy Lanance Davis and Docas Dodson, Dorothy Filayson, Edna Mae Miller, Mary Lu Paxco, Jaunita Stepp, Ema Fae Montgomery, Edna Joe Walker, Pauline Rhine, Avo Lee Walker, Rowena Moore, Mary Elizabeth Ferguson, Earl Rose Fox, Laverne Smith, Lela Mae Kincaide and Cynthia Lillard.



LESSON No. 14

Question: Why is emulsified cod-liver oil so efficient and so beneficial a food- tonic?

Answer: Because it is so easily assimilated and quickly builds up strength. Multitudes use it every day as in

SCOTT'S EMULSION

"All God's Chillun Got Shoes"



"Got shoes, got shoes, all God's chillun got shoes." You've heard that old negro spiritual many times, of course.

But what inspired those words?

It was the simple fact that the darkeys who sang them didn't have any shoes. Therefore their vision of heavenly bliss was a place where everybody wore shoes. It represented one of their fondest hopes.

Accepting this as a standard then, we here in Decatur are enjoying a liberal heaven on earth. We all have shoes.

When we need a pair, we have access to enterprising shoe stores, where our foot requirements are given careful attention. We have wide selections to choose from. If we don't like one shoe, we can ask for another. If one price doesn't suit our pocketbook, we can find another quality that will.

As a community we take such service for granted. But what if we lived in an age where a large proportion of the population were forced to go without shoes? Then the words of the old spiritual would mean something. Verily what privileges and luxuries are ours!

DICK COLLINS, Editor

Schools of County

BY WALLACE GREGG, COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT

A WEEKLY COMPILATION OF ACTIVITIES OF THE SCHOOLS OF WISE COUNTY

Seventh Grade Examinations

Much interest is being manifested by the pupils in the rural schools in the examinations being conducted for the seventh grade. These examinations are designed to give to those completing grammar school uniform and standard tests whereby they may earn high school entrance credits acceptable in any high school in Wise County. On Monday the tests were given to 8 seventh grade pupils of the Allison and Catlett schools at Allison. Those taking the test were: Linnie Mae Wade, of Catlett, and Leon Ellison, William Morton, E. B. Boyett, Harmon McBroom, Lillian Adams, Ruby Helen Rankin, Lela Padgett, and J. C. Caraway. In reading Lela Padgett made the highest score with a total of 194 points. In arithmetic J. C. Caraway made high score with a total of 288 points. In dictation, William Morton and Linnie Mae Wade tied for high scores with a total of 146 points each. The examinations will be continued until every seventh grade child in the county is given an opportunity to prove his readiness to enter high school. The schedule is as follows: Allison April 23rd, Greenwood April 24, Decatur April 25, Alvord April 26, Chico April 27, Willow Point April 30, Paradise May 3, and New Ark May 4.

College Entrance Examinations

On May 8, 9, 10 and 11 the annual college entrance examinations under the auspices of the State Department of Education will be held at Decatur, Bridgeport, Chico, Alvord, Greenwood, and Rhame. High School students wishing to earn college entrance credits will do well to notify the superintendent of the school nearest them of their intentions that a proper supply of the questions may be provided. The examinations in Decatur will be conducted at both the Decatur High School and the office of the County Superintendent.

Teachers Saving Money for Schools

Mr. T. F. Glosup of the Flatwoods School, Mr. R. L. Hunt of the Union Chapel School, and Mrs. E. C. Jamison of the Joe Bailey School have given the state an opportunity to save money on textbooks by bringing in old worn out textbooks still in adoption which will be shipped to Austin for rebinding. They also brought in the texts out of adoption other than supplementary readers. The state expects to realize something out of these old books which cannot be longer used. Trustees and teachers are urged to bring this office all worn out texts still in adoption and also all books of adoption except supplementary readers. Teachers may, if they wish, keep enough of the books out of adoption to supply their library and reference needs.

Teachers Elected

Mr. Freeman Taggart of Decatur, has been elected principal of the Brumlow School and Miss Melba Buttrill of Shidell has been re-elected as assistant teacher.

The entire faculty of the Shidell School has been re-elected for another year. Mr. B. F. Vance, superintendent, Mrs. B. E. Vance principal, Miss Sabra Parsons, English, Mr. J. T. Watson, 6th and 7th grades, Mrs. S. E. Powell, 4th and 5th grades, Miss Berta Chambers, 2nd and 3rd grades, and Miss Berhel Wade, primary.

Mrs. Lulu B. Gholston of Wall City has been elected principal of the Sycamore School, and Miss Oleta Thacher of Shidell assistant teacher.

Miss Fannie Pearl Asker of Decatur has been elected teacher of the Thomas School.

Miss Mary Myers of Decatur has been elected teacher of the New South School just north of Decatur.

Miss Marjorie McCracken of Decatur has been elected teacher of the Pecan School 5 northeast of Decatur. Park Springs has re-elected its entire faculty for the session 28-29. Mr. J. A. Woodruff, superintendent, Mr. E. E. Rayens, principal, Mrs. Lucy White Harris, 5th and 6th grades, Miss Mabel St. Clair, 3rd and 4th grades, and Mrs. Zenia Buckner, primary.

Mr. Allen J. Billbey of Alvord has been re-elected principal of the Aud-Don School.

Schools Closing

Mr. J. J. Allison and Miss Ina Sanders closed their school at Keeter on April 13th after a term of 6-14 mo.

The Cottondale School closed on April 15th after a term of 6-3-1 months. Miss Onie McEntire and Mrs. Wright Bridges were the teachers this year.

Miss Agnes Duffy closed her school at Lone Star after a term of 6 mo.

Miss Alline Bean and Miss Mabel Baugh closed their year's work at Thomas on April 20th after a term of 7 months.

Mrs. Martha W. Sherman closed her school at Uman on April 19th after a term of 6 months.

Miss Mollye Lorena Johnston closed her school at Jasper Creek after a session of 7 months.

Mr. Floyd Lee Fors, Miss Lorene Doyle, and Miss Ola Mae Wright closed their school at Red Willow on April 20th after a term of 7 months. An all day picnic with lunch on the ground and graduation exercises in the forenoon featured the closing day.

In West Texas

Weatherford—The Weatherford Chamber of Commerce is offering a scholarship to the Texas Business College, Weatherford, in the "My Home Town Contest" of the WTCC.

Carlton—The annual Carlton Fat Stock Show was held April 13 and 14 with large attendance from neighboring towns.

Quanah—The Greenbelt Lower Panhandle district convention of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce convenes here May 14.

Lawn—W. L. Hughes, of A. & M. College spoke at a recent mass meeting of Lawn citizenship on problems of rural education.

Charendon—April 30 and May 1 have been set as dates for raising funds to take the local band to the WTCC Fort Worth convention.

Aspermont—Material is being placed on the ground to erect a new building covering four lots.

Stamford—Newspaper editors all over West Texas will be guests of the WTCC at breakfast June 18 in the Fort Worth Club.

Slaton—The Slaton Slonite has been sold by Mrs. Bessie Donald to J. L. Nunn of Amarillo, D. D. Roderick of Lubbock, and T. E. Roderick of Tulsa, Okla.

And then we boys got down in there
And tramped it down real good.
The hole was filled up to the top,
And then the water brought.
We drenched it well and steep aside
For thus our task was wrought.
Now spring has come and we are sure
That we will all be blessed.
The budding of the tree now shows
Our skilled successfulness.

In a Bad Fix from INDIGESTION

"I had suffered with indigestion for 6 years," says Mr. H. C. Dove, R. F. D., Chester, S. C. "I had gotten to the place where I could hardly eat a thing—everything hurt me. I had smothering spells and fell off 20 pounds. I was in a bad fix."

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Inventions have helped in many a way
In giving to man much time to play.
But neither inventions nor science and art
Can save what you make; that is your part.
The world may progress more and more
But unless you save you may yet be poor.
The City National in this high rolling age
Finds man much inclined to spend all his wage.

THE CITY NATIONAL BANK
Decatur, Texas

Are you a member of the Chamber of Commerce.

Lamesa—The South Plains district convention of the WTCC meets here May 10.

Alamogordo—The chamber of commerce is meeting every Tuesday to care for the pressing needs arising from oil developments here.

Memphis—A new telephone switchboard is expected to be in operation here by July 1.

Lampasas—J. R. Koy, a director of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, has offered to pay all expenses of the boy or girl representing this city in the annual "My Home Town Contest" at Fort Worth.

Claude—Mains have been completed for natural gas here.

Wellington—The Wellington band is rehearsing in order to be in trim for the WTCC annual band contest.

Rising Star—A luncheon club, auxiliary to the chamber of commerce, has been formed here.

Fort Stockton—A modern brick business building is under construction here by Tom Talley.

Blackwell—New machinery for the Blackwell ice factory is being installed.

Standardization of Electricity

LONDONERS have sixty different electric light and power plants to deal with and thirty-nine different kinds of power. They have a wide—or wild—assortment of voltages and frequencies. Light globes and appliances require different types of plugs. Confusion results, and industry is held back.

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KNOW DECATUR!

Did You Know That:—

The three links, the Old Fellows emblem is carved in plain sight on one of the granite blocks of which the courthouse is built?

The citizens of Decatur offered the Rock Island railroad one hundred thousand dollars and right-of-way thru the county to build their line to Decatur?

Cook's springs furnished the drinking water for Decatur for many years. The spring was where the Milligan gin plant now stands.

A livery stable once stood where the Mississippi store stands today?

The Decatur K. of P. lodge was one of the oldest in the state?

Decatur is probably the only incorporated town in Texas without a city marshal?

Decatur is one of the two towns in Texas with two telephone systems?

Dr. J. J. Ingram was among the first citizens in Wise County who owned an automobile?

Mary Councillor Brookes, eminent New York writer, learned the printing trade in Decatur, working as a type setter in her father's printing office here?

M. W. Burch is the owner of a silver serving set that is more than one hundred years old?

Mrs. J. D. Hapgood of Dallas, and son, Edwin of Eldorado, Ark., were here the first of the week visiting relatives. Mrs. Hapgood is at the head of a corporation that is engaged in the oil refining business in Arkansas. His concern uses a patented process that promises to revolutionize the refining business.

"That man Connally is my candidate for the senate," remarked Uncle Renshaw, "and I find that a majority of the people are for him. He is a big man, and only one in the race for the senate who knows the needs of the farmers. Mr. Connally's record in congress is good, and his private life is clean as a hound's tooth. He belongs to the masses; not of the high-brow contingent and such a man is needed as our representative in the senate, according to my way of thinking," continued Mr. Renshaw, a man who has been a citizen of Wise county for almost seventy years.

Dr. Walter B. Man observes that if those of our citizens who are given to grumbling about "taxation without representation," or wince because their tax money is not making a showing for the general good, should take a walk about town these days and see what is being done toward improving the streets and alleys, "Why, I will make a better citizen out of a fellow to behold what is going on, and I want to congratulate the powers that be down at the city hall for the able manner in which our municipal affairs are being run," he remarked to a Messenger representative.

Harry Crocker, traveling with Congressman Tom Connally as newspaper reporter, was a welcome visitor at the Messenger's sanctum. Tuesday morning, Harry and the editor are long time friends and we were glad to see him. He is a Wise county product, having been born in Belton, community west of Decatur. He was about five years old when he moved with his folks from this section, but I can recall a number who were our neighbors. I remember the Fentons, Jacksons, Tindells, Hardwicks and others. And, in those days, and many years following, that community was one of the best and most prosperous in all this community." Harry today is recognized as one of the most efficient newspaper writers in the state.

"I am of the opinion," remarked Granger Blewett, "that the day has arrived when Decatur should have a town marshal to look after the infractions of the law in Decatur. It appears that we have no traffic laws, judging by the way automobile drivers operate cars on the public square and up and down our streets. The parking ordinance is laughed at, and it has become necessary for the city authorities to actually put up iron posts set in concrete to keep auto drivers from parking their machines on sidewalks near the postoffice. Trucks stand for hours at the busiest corners, and almost daily someone narrowly escapes being run down by reckless drivers on the main street. What town in all the state the size of Decatur that has no officer to enforce the mandates of its elected council?"

OVATION GIVEN TOM CONNALLY

Speaks Here Tuesday to Large Crowd of Citizens

The lower floor of the district court room was filled by Wise County citizens Tuesday morning to greet Hon. Tom Connally when he appeared for the first speech of his invasion of northwest Texas section in his campaign for United States senator. Mr. Connally, accompanied by Mrs. Connally, arrived in Decatur late Monday night, stopping at the Greathouse hotel, and early Tuesday morning, when it became known that the distinguished gentleman was in town, a large number of our citizens called at the hotel to pay their respects. Before the speaking hour, Mr. Connally called at the Messenger office, and the candidate and the editor recalled their experiences as soldiers in the Spanish-American War.

In one of the most eloquent and fitting speeches ever heard by a Wise county audience, Hon. Grady Woodruff, of the law firm of Burch and Woodruff, introduced Mr. Connally.

When Connally arose he was greeted by rounds of applause, and he immediately entered into a discussion of the issues. He said that he wanted to acknowledge the compliment paid to him when Mayfield flooded the newspapers of Texas with a whole page of elegant and fulsome eulogy of himself to be published on the morning preceding Connally's opening speech in the afternoon. Having acknowledged that compliment as admission that Mayfield regarded the Connally candidacy as the highest barrier before him the Martin Congressman proceeded to assail certain utterances of Senator Mayfield.

Particularly Connally challenged Mayfield's declaration that it had been an unbroken rule of the people of Texas to give their representatives a second term. Among the notable exceptions to this Connally cited Horace Chilton who was defeated after filling an unexpired term and defeated the second time after having filled a full term by election; Roger Q. Mills who was defeated by Charles A. Culberson after serving only 6 years.

Connally quoted Mayfield as having said that the people elect men whose conduct had been fairly good and he asked if there were any in Texas to question the quality of service rendered by Mills and Chilton. He called attention to another instance in which the second term idea did not prevail and that was when Mayfield defeated the late John L. Voorham for a second term as Railroad Commissioner.

Connally ridiculed as ineffectual and in part unrepresentative legislation things set up by Mayfield. One notable case in point, he said, was the recent proposal of Congressman Guinn, Williams to investigate the Dallas Reserve Bank. Connally charged that Mayfield deliberately took the matter to the Senate and introduced a resolution in the Senate. Under the Mayfield plan of give election where as had the Williams resolution, which had been interfered with and blocked by one Mayfield, move a real investigation would have resulted.

He pointed out that although Mayfield is a member of the banking committee in the Senate he was put on the subcommittee authorized to institute the investigation under his resolution.

Connally gave Mayfield's record when the question of the power trust investigation was before the Senate. He charged that Mayfield assisted the Republicans in ousting the Walsh resolution, in the vote confirm Cyrus E. Woods, who admitted that he owned large stocks in railroads and that Mayfield joined hands with the Republicans against the Democrats. He sent Woods.

Connally said he never had been and never would be a member of the Klan, "but that can be no issue between us because Earl after riding the organization to public office door repudied it and denied any association with it."

Following the speaking a large number went up and shook hands with Connally.

A luncheon in honor of Congressman and Mrs. Connally was given at the Greathouse hotel after the speaking.

Tom Shaw and wife and daughter-in-law of Cleburne, have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Vandiver.



Congressman Tom Connally

Stop! Stop, Senator You're Breaking Our Heart!

(Wichita Daily Times)

In making formal announcement of his candidacy for re-election, Senator Mayfield sets up that he is entitled to the support of the voters not only because he is a statesman, but also because he is a martyr. He was "robbed" of two years of his term, he plaintively points out, by the contest which was held.

"From the time I received the nomination," he says, "until the United States senate in February, 1925, unanimously decided the contest of my election in my favor, I was hounded and pursued by my enemies without shadow or turning. At every opportunity they thrust their poisonous spears into my side. During the long drawn out contest I practically slept on a bed of thorns. Detectives even followed Mrs. Mayfield as, in company with the wives of other senators, she returned the social calls of her friends, and they followed her day and night.

"My mind went whirling around like a potter's wheel and I often wonder how in the world I escaped the asylum. I could not possibly have borne all that came to me those years had it not been for that help that comes to man from above, yielded thru prayer. It may be that I was permitted to pass thru the Gethsemane in order that I might be prepared to more truly appreciate the sufferings that come to so many of our people.

"My troubles, however, were not without recompense because I learned from actual experience that God never sends a cross to bear that he does not provide a Cyrenian to help us carry it. There are scars but no malice in my heart."

There is some more to the same tenor and effect, but the above ought to suffice to show that Mr. Mayfield has suffered enough, yea, too much. It was never contemplated that a United States senator from Texas should bear such cruelties, and it is plain duty of the Democrats of Texas to transfer the toga to the shoulder of someone whose mind will not be caused to whirl like a potter's wheel which, we understand, revolves very slowly. It may be admitted that Mr. Mayfield is entitled to this year's grand championship medal for making such a mess of things, and that perhaps will console him.

Poisonous spears! Bed of thorns! Gethsemane! Whirling mind. And flaming cross!

DR. A. P. BUSEY DIES IN COLO.

News reached Decatur Wednesday morning that Dr. A. P. Busey had died at his home in Ridge, Colo., Tuesday morning, following a protracted illness caused by a stroke of paralysis suffered several months ago. The passing of Dr. Busey will bring sorrow to Decatur people who loved and honored him. He was a man of extraordinary personality, and for a long number of years he was recognized as one of the most eminent physicians in the state of Colorado. He has made a number of visits to Decatur to see his son, George, and look after his land interests west of town, and on these visits he met and mingled with our people who appreciated him as a friend. He possessed a brilliant mind, and it was refreshing to converse with him; a man of large experiences, and he was a most interesting and entertaining talker. Such men as Dr. Busey leaves the world better than they found it; we are enriched in higher ideals in having known and associated with such a man. He was our

DENTON WRITER LAUDS C. CATES

Says Decatur Secretary One of the Leaders in Chamber Work

Lofter has been kidnapped. Ben Fritz carried this Lofter off bodily not to say honorably. He and Frank Pierce were accompanied by Mr. Schuler, who is engineer for the purpose of beating the road between Denton and Decatur. Now Lofter knows of no good reason why he was carried unless it was to decorate the car. He thought that perhaps he might have been carried along to act as a mediator between Fritz and Pierce about the road but before he got there he found they had agreed to leave all decision in the matter to Schuler and agreed on every phase of the matter. Lofter found that the difference between the two routes as now established is two and fourteenth miles and that the route via Stony is that much shorter than the other. The road as the highway is now located is now shorter from the square in Decatur to the Denton County line than it is by the Stony route. Lofter has a very definite idea as to how that road is going to run and it will not be on either of the present routes altogether and will be both of them in part.

However, the road was the least part of Lofter's visit. The thing of rather the man that Lofter went to see is a fellow whom many do not even hear and that is Cliff Cates, who is and has been secretary of the Decatur Chamber of Commerce. Now when it comes to doing the job this same Cliff Cates has a record that is unique in all the history of secretaries. He has done a work that to Lofter's knowledge has never been equaled in all the history of county building in the State. They drafted him off the farm where he had been for 20 years and put him on the job and he took hold and what he has done is history. To use his own words, "I never asked them for the job and have never felt that I was a real secretary because I am not a professional and never expect to hold a job anywhere else. They have offered me places in other towns lately but I never expect to quit this job. When it is over I am going back to the farm and I will be a better farmer than I ever was before because I have learned more things about farming after I got off and looked it over from the outside than I ever knew when I was farming."

Modest and unassuming describes Cliff Cates. The most remarkable dairy development in Texas is one result of his work and to his supporters by the business men of Decatur goes the credit for work that extends from one border of the county to the other. Business men in talking to Lofter said, "The dairy business has done more for this county than any other thing that has ever happened. It has made Decatur a better town than it ever was before." Lofter knows that this is true because he has at his own and sundry times visited that city and on this trip he saw evidence of improved conditions that were remarkable and could be attributed to nothing else but the dairy industry.

In talking with Cates Lofter mentioned his pet hobby about dairy and that he believed there was more prosperity in selling cream than in selling whole milk for the farmers. Cates agreed that this was true because the farmer received a second and larger profit from the five stock in which the skim milk is fed.

"We discovered that this was true when we went to Wisconsin and saw what the farmers of that State had done and are doing. I believe that it is the most satisfactory and most profitable way to handle the dairy business on the farm. Poultry, pigs, and calves do better and make a profit that balances the incomes in a period of years that whole milk does not do." Other things than creaming may be credited to the work of Cates. Wise County has the reputation of being the best terrace country in North Texas and it has all been done since Cates began work. Now they are working on a project to levee and drain the valley of Denton Creek through Wise County. They have had the creek surveyed from the bridge on the Stony-Denton road northwest until they mapped 5,000 acres of bottom land. Now the plats and maps are being made. Then the people north of the present project friend, and he will be missed. The funeral services took place yesterday at Jefferson City, Mo.



Hon. Louis J. Wardlaw

"The people of this state are bearing the burden of extremely heavy taxes. It could not be otherwise under prices paid by the state. Not a dollar more than is absolutely necessary to administer the affairs of the government honestly and efficiently should be taken from the people. I believe that in the honest and economical sufficient money is now being collected to administer the government, and that there should be no increase in taxes."

Mr. Wardlaw will address the voters of Wise county in the district court room Saturday, May 12, at 3 o'clock.

are waiting in to levee and drain their bottom lands are ruined because of overflow and washing of sand over the bottom. Cates is very anxious to have Denton County join with Wise County in a levee drainage project which will include the bottom lands of Denton Creek in both counties. The cost will be less per acre if both counties join in the work and the benefits will be greater. One thing is certain and that is that if Wise County puts in the levee system Denton County will be forced to do the same thing or give up all the fertile lands in Denton Creek bottom to Johnson grass and waste. The bed of the stream will fill up until it will be level and when a shower comes in Wise the surplus water will be dumped on to Denton County and all the bottom ruined sooner than they will be. The only difference will be the time it takes. Unless the county is leveed the bottom will be useless in a few years. The same problem applies to Clear Creek, Elm and in a smaller degree to other creeks in Denton County. Unless Clear Creek is leveed and drained in the near future it is going to fill up to where every small rain will cause a disastrous overflow.

That was not all that Cates told Lofter that interested him but Lofter will not inflict it all on you at one time. It suffices to say that you can never tell what a boy can do until he is tried. Cliff Cates has done a greater work for Wise County than any man can realize who has never studied the situation and has not watched Cates work and watch Wise County come out of the knicks. A flattering feature of the visit was the road with eyes set by the people of Decatur for Denton and Denton County. A most noticeable spirit rose for that city and the citizens and will be expressed all around the town for their neighbor on the east. Lofter in Denton Record Chronicle.

G. WAGGONER IN DIVORCE COURT

Charges that certain witnesses summoned by Mrs. Ann Vaillant Waggoner in her divorce suit against Guy L. Waggoner were trying to escape from appearing at the trial were made Tuesday afternoon before Judge H. H. Young in Forty eighth District Court in Fort Worth.

The furry between opposing counsel arose when Mark McMahon, one of Mrs. Waggoner's attorneys, declared that several witnesses summoned for her had left town or were in hiding after being fully summoned to appear. McMahon asked all be called for contempt, and that attachment issued for the witnesses.

Gillis Johnson, another attorney for Mrs. Waggoner, then arose and declared, "Several witnesses have been trying to get excused from testifying."

"The defendant, Guy Waggoner, is ready for trial," W. P. McLenn, one of Waggoner's attorneys, shouted.

"We are ready, too," McMahon said. "We will get the witnesses here if the processes are issued and they are in the country."

Judge Young then halted the heated tilt by warning all attorneys he

ELECTIONS SHOW HOOVER GAINING

Al Smith Is Leading All Opponents In North And East

Washington, D. C.—As presidential politics round the turn of mid-April, Smith and Hoover remain the magic names around which the preponderant delegate strength of the major parties, as far as revealed in definite pledges, is rallying.

But there is this difference between them: Secretary Hoover faces a solid anti-Hoover field of competitors, including a runner-up Governor Lowden, already backed by a formidable array of delegates, and at least one dark horse in the person of Vice President Dawes, whose friends confidently predict that eventually he will be the beneficiary of the whole anti-Hoover movement. Governor Smith has opposed to him no single candidate whose delegate strength to date comes within a stone's throw of Smith's own nor have the considerable number of party leaders who stand against him shown any evidence of solidarity either as to candidacies or issues.

All along the line the Republicans are being asked to align themselves for Hoover or against him. On the other hand, the followers of Smith and those of Senator Reed actually combined in Oklahoma to control the State convention against any possible third candidate and there have been suggestions that something of the same kind has happened in Iowa.

There is this further difference: Hoover needs but a majority of the Republican convention to nominate him, while Smith needs two-thirds of the Democratic delegates. Both are far way from their goals in delegates actually chosen thus far and although the supporters of both declare the votes are in sight, these claims are trying to set the top sign against these two candidates.

As matters stand today, Hoover has instructed or definitely claimed for him around 200 or the 545 delegates needed to nominate at Kansas City, while Lowden has about 150. Smith's instructed and claimed delegates now number 264, compared with 733 1-2 necessary for a nomination at Houston. His nearest competitor, Reed, of Missouri, has only thirty-six. During the last week Smith increased his lead over other Democratic candidates Lowden, by annexing a big block of delegates from his home State of Illinois, narrowed the margin of selected delegate strength standing between him and Hoover.

would allow no such conduct in his court.

Several witnesses were sworn in Tuesday afternoon. They included Ben Keith, Jake Henninger and R. L. Watson.

Mrs. Waggoner charged cruel treatment in her petition. Waggoner, however, denies the charge. The purpose of his answer is that he is no praying for divorce other than on cross action, nor does he make any charges against his wife.

Both Mrs. Waggoner and Waggoner were present in court Tuesday morning.

The estranged couple were married Sept. 4, 1922, and separated Dec. 30, 1927, according to the pleadings.

Relative to property settlement, Mrs. Waggoner is making the largest claim. However, Waggoner asks that community property interests be adjudicated which will include a survey into the Burnett estate.

This is the fourth or fifth venture at the matrimonial bar for Mr. Waggoner, and it is said that his experience with Cupid has cost almost a million dollars of the Waggoner fortune. The present Mrs. Waggoner is a granddaughter of the late Burk Burnett, cattleman of Fort Worth, and when she married Waggoner she was reported to be worth between 3 and 5 million. Waggoner says reports, is worth millions. His father, W. T. Waggoner, is reported to be the wealthiest man in the south, and one of the richest men in the nation. Guy L. was born and grew to young manhood in Decatur.

Twelve hundred pistol belts when ordinarily carry death-dealing 45s have been turned over to the interior department by the quartermaster corps for allocation to Indian reservations. The fire fighters likewise will use the belts to carry compasses and other articles of equipment.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Bailey were in Fort Worth Friday on business.

LOCAL NEWS

A. J. Shelton has been very ill for the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Harris, of Paradise, were in Decatur Monday.

Miss Lois Davis is visiting relatives in Sunset this week.

Misses Alice and Louise, Strange, were in Fort Worth Sunday.

Mrs. U. R. Neely has returned from a visit to Wichita Falls.

Donley Suddeth of Henrietta spent Sunday in Decatur.

Frank Denney of Moody was the Sunday guest of Miss Loise Strange.

Mrs. Phillips Baits of Olney visited relatives in the city this week.

Grandmother Gettys is very ill at the Rogers Sanitarium.

Grady Casey of Tokio is visiting friends here.

Mrs. R. C. Nutting and Joe Rice were in Fort Worth visitors Tuesday.

Miss Mary Carter left Wednesday night for Big Springs to her sister, Mrs. J. Hollis Lloyd.

Mrs. Lawrence Boyd and son, Carey, of Olney, spent a few days here this week.

B. T. Hambricht and daughter, Janette of Romocho, spent Sunday with relatives here.

Jameson of Dallas spent Sunday with his daughter, Mrs. P. V. McMorde.

Mrs. Jeruin Hambricht of Whiteboro is visiting her cousin Miss Cathryn Ruth Helen this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Anderson of Fisher County have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Cartwright.

Mrs. W. A. Helm and daughter, Mrs. Cathryn Ruth, spent the week end in Fort Worth guests of Dr. and Mrs. E. W. Bass.

Mr. and Mrs. Euliss Blackhorn and children, E. B. and Annie Lee, spent Sunday in Fort Worth with Mr. and Mrs. Shelby Fowler and children.

Jim Brooks, the first white child born in Wise County, and wife of Alameda, New Mexico, are visiting her sister, Mrs. W. P. Russell.

Judge J. G. Gese returned Saturday from the Quindici southern where he has been for several weeks. He is improving nicely.

Misses Sue Van Meter and Hazel Hoyle, of C. L. A. Denton spent last week end with home folks in Decatur.

The young Ladies' Missionary Society of the First Methodist church meets with Miss Estelle Belew, Monday, April 30.

Miss Frances Gill who is attending Brantley-Draughons Business College of Fort Worth, was the week end guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Gill.

P. M. Curry was here last week end. W. B. Allen of Henrietta was in the city Tuesday.

Reedy Williams of Rhame was here for a few hours Tuesday.

Bill Shultz of Splawn was in Decatur Monday.

Nap Best, of Greenwood, was here Monday on business.

Buster Pearson was in Paradise Monday.

Mrs. Buster Pearson was in Glen Rose this week.

Carl Carpenter of Cleburne, was here Saturday.

J. H. Gentry, of Greenwood, made a business trip to Decatur Saturday.

John Johnson, of Waxahachie, was here last week.

Miss Kate Warren is visiting Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Brown this week.

Rev. John R. Rice, of Fort Worth, visited his parents Saturday.

Henry Porter, of Paradise, was here one day last week.

Charles M. Ellis, of Fort Worth, was here on business Monday.

John J. Woods, of Dallas, was a Decatur visitor Monday.

Misses Pearl Rowan and Alice Strange, of Bellevue, were here visiting relatives last week end.

C. C. McDaniel and daughter, Miss Getha, and Miss Lucille Pickett of Greenwood were in Decatur Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Milligan, of Greenwood, were shopping in Decatur Saturday.

Mrs. Paul Finn and daughter of Sunset have been visiting relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Rieger, and children of Bowie were here last Saturday.

Marion McDevall, of Chico, spent last week end with friends in Decatur.

W. J. Whiteside, Jr., of Austin, was here Saturday and Sunday visiting relatives.

Nathan Maxwell and Chas. Brown of Greenwood, were in the city Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Cook, of Hill country, spent Saturday and Sunday with relatives in Decatur.

Carter Hughes, of Cleburne, spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gus Hughes.

There will be a cemetery working at the Jonstown graveyard on the first Friday in May, and all who are interested are requested to come and take part.

Marvin B. Smith, editor of the Farmersville Times, and son, Elba, were here several days visiting friends and relatives. "The old town looks good to me, and I notice that some substantial improvements are under way," said Marvin.

Miss Ladie Bess Prunty spent last week end with friends in Waco.

Bill Belittle was the guest of Miss Anna Eloise Cook last Tuesday.

A. Y. Leslie of Alvord, was here Tuesday to hear Tom Connally speak.

Mrs. W. H. Rice, on the sick list for some time, is able to be up.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Rieger were in Dallas Wednesday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Davis of Bowie were Decatur visitors Wednesday.

W. A. Mauldin was in Decatur Monday on business.

Guy Brown of Bridgeport was in Decatur Monday on business.

Eddie Dodge of Greenwood was in the city Wednesday.

Carter Hughes visited his parents here Sunday.

J. H. McCarter and daughters, Misses Jamie Ruth and Mary left Thursday for Big Springs.

Miss Bess Russell, formerly of D. B. C., was recently married to Mr. L. L. Ward of Grow, Texas.

Mr. Street received Sunday the sad news of the death of his brother, who lived in Center, Okla.

Mark Marshall of Austin, was in the city Sunday, enroute to West Texas.

The Decatur Baptist College orchestra will entertain the people of Rhame this Friday night April 27.

Miss Eunice Sullivan and John B. Waide of Sanger were in Decatur last week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lillard of Sanger are visiting their parents Mr. and Mrs. Terrell Lillard.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Walker and Vernon Atkinson visited in Greenwood Sunday.

Misses Florence and Julia Bellah were shopping in Fort Worth Wednesday.

Mrs. J. L. Frazier is spending the week with her daughter in Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Ezell and children of Sanger visited Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Walker.

Little Miss Glenn LaRay Rieger of Sanger spent the week with Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Riggs.

Joe Manire was carried to the Rogers Sanitarium Tuesday for an operation for acute appendicitis.

M. B. Smith and son, Elba, of Farmersville have been visiting friends and relatives in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Walker and Mr. W. H. Walker attended the funeral of Mrs. Flossie Cook of Vernon Friday.

Jake Smith was here last week visiting friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Shaw, of Cleburne, and Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Holoman of Fort Worth were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Holley Renshaw Sunday.

Mr. Straude of Dallas was visiting relatives here Saturday.

Mrs. Taylor and daughter, Miss Annie, of Willbarger county, are visiting relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Alexander and Mr. and Mrs. George Gage were in Fort Worth Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Rieger and Mr. and Mrs. Holt visited in the home of Mrs. Asa Reese of Bridgeport.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Godger, of Ft. Worth, visited Mr. and Mrs. Ray Lawson last week.

Charlie Dickenson and family, of Wichita Falls, visited J. H. Morris Sunday.

Miss Katherine Burch, of Chico, was here last week end visiting relatives and friends.

Walton Woinley, of Amarillo, spent last week end with friends and relatives here.

Miss Lansing Jones of Chico was the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Jones.

T. J. Dillehay Jr., of Olney, spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Dillehay.

Mrs. T. G. Rogers has returned from the Baptist Sanitarium in Dallas.

Fred Baston is leaving this week for Dallas where he will attend a business school.

Misses Thelma Young, Jessie Price, and Mabelle Baston visited friends in Fort Worth last week end.

Miss Sudie and Ardis Fox of San Antonio and Mrs. Longhurst of Fort Worth visited Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Lawson this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Golden and little daughter, Glenda, of Wichita Falls spent the week with Mrs. George Alfred, and Mrs. Dale Woods, they are enroute for Kansas City, Mo. where they will make their home.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. McCarter, of El Paso, Mr. and Mrs. Jack McCarter and son, Jackie, Mr. and Mrs. N. G. McCarter and son, Billie Gould, Mrs. Nannie McCarter and daughter, Miss Ruth, of Waxahachie, were the week end guests of J. H. McCarter and family.

Fruit growers in the local area suffered several losses by the recent visit of the freeze. In the uplands the damage was not so heavy, they say. A number of fine orchards in Decatur were devastated of their fruit. Capt. H. E. Brady, in the eastern part of town, was one of the heaviest losers.

Notice Republicans

Notice is hereby given by the Wise County Republican Executive Committee that precinct conventions are called to meet at the usual voting places May 5, 1928 at 2 p. m. to elect Co. Chairman and delegates to the Wise County Republican Convention to meet in Decatur, Texas at 2 p. m. May 8, 1928, Chamber of Commerce Hall, County Convention to elect Co. Chairman and delegates to the Republican State Convention. M. L. WALLIS, Chairman Com.

Texan Living in N. Y. Gives View on Smith

As a Texas residing in New York I have followed the comment appearing in Texas papers concerning Al Smith's candidacy with interest. It is strikingly evident that there is a large element in the Democratic party of Texas that refuses to recognize conditions as they are. It is a new element. In it are found the fanatic dry, the bigoted Protestant and the formerly active members of the Klan.

Now these constituent parts of this bloc are by no means all-inclusive nor are they necessarily similar, but they have one thing in common, namely, that politically they are not open to reason. They prefer to perpetuate a party in office that turned over the National Government to thieves and bribe-takers, and then protected them, rather than be delivered from such a condition by a "wet." To put it most mildly, they love not honor or less, but prohibition more.

It has been said that the Democratic party would be sacrificing principle for expediency in nominating Al Smith. If you were being robbed and you had an opportunity to defend yourself, would you seize a peppercorn or a six-shooter? I maintain you compare the political effectiveness of Reed or Walsh to Smith the simile is not exaggerated. I am not comparing their personal abilities, but their vote-getting power. Since the Civil War Illinois, Massachusetts, Maryland, New Jersey, Connecticut, Ohio and New York have, from time to time, helped elect a Democratic president. Neither Reed nor Walsh can carry a single one of these States against the Republicans with the possible exception of Maryland. Smith has a chance of carrying them all or most of them. Davis did not carry one of them in 1924. He is certainly the peer of either Walsh or Reed and he had the Teapot Dome issue, fresh. Of course, he was weighed down with that impossible burden of a Bryan as a running mate (so the Northern democrats viewed him), but it is plain that the Democratic candidate must have some appeal other than the off-sandal.

Al Smith has a great deal to the average man in the big cities. The crowds in Chicago, Baltimore, Boston and Cincinnati will be the kind of crowds he is accustomed to talking to. He takes their language. He spent his childhood in a city slum, one of the many children of a widow mother. Out of the muck of the city's streets he climbed, poorly paid, to the top of the world. Fortunes have been made in having a microscope examination made of that climb with the hope of getting something from him without avail. Four times governor of New York, he stands a living promise to the overworked millions of tenement dwellers in the big cities that America has not been false to her ideals; that their children have the opportunity to do likewise. He is their ideal. You who oppose him had your opportunity on the same issues and failed as is your habit in national elections. Give him the same opportunity which he has rightly earned. FRED W. MOORE.

17 Battery Place, New York, in Dallas News.

Sambo—Whaffo' you looking' so unnecessary, Mose?

Mose—Ah feels like a dumb owl Stumbo.

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FOR SALE—Two well bred bulls, Jerseys, for sale of trade.—SIMPSON'S MARKET, Decatur, Texas.

FOR SALE—S. C. W. Leghorn baby chicks, 12 1-2 cents a piece. Come see my chickens. MRS. A. H. CLEM, ENT, S. W. Phone 965-5. (7tf)

ELECTRIC MOTORS FOR SALE. One 10 H. P. Motor with compensator, used only few months; same as new. One 7 1-2 H. P. Motor with pulley, good condition. Will make good prices and terms to responsible party. DECATUR MOTOR CO. (7tr)

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FOR SALE—Mammoth bronze turkey eggs, direct from the celebrated tom, Roy McDonald, state champion, and large hens; price \$6.00 per setting of 12—B. C. ALLGOOD, Route 2, Paradise, Texas.

FOR SALE—English White Leghorn baby chicks, 10 cents each; eggs for setting, 3 cents each. GLEN HUNT, Decatur. (16)

NOTICE—Beginning March 26, I will cut hair for 25 cents. Adults and children. All old friends and customers are welcome.—C. H. (Heck) MILLER, Barber, Decatur. (17)

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CUSTOM HATCHING—\$3.00 per tray through month of April. Baby chicks, Rocks and Reds 10c. DECATUR CHICK HATCHERY.

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FOR TRADE—Good 4-tube Crosley radio set for baby chicks. Call at Messenger office.

LOST—Ladie's Purse, at Willard the Wizard show Wednesday night, containing \$1.50, and a check book. Finder please return to Mrs. Jones at Decatur Baptist College and receive reward.

BALL GAME—Between the Leans and Fats at D. B. C. ball park Friday April 27. Admission 15 and 25c. Proceeds go to the Owl Club. Come on and enjoy this game.

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—Men's and boy's blue overalls; all sizes—**98c**

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For boys and girls; size 12 to 2; 2½ to 6; now **98c**

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—Men's collar attached dress shirts; size 14 to 17 at only—**98c**

DRESS GINGHAM

32-inch dress ginghams; special at per yard **15c**

PLAY OXFORDS

—Black or tan play oxfords; size 5 to 8; 8½ to 11; 12 to 2; at **\$1.50** and **\$1.95**

PATENT LEATHER OXFORDS

—Size 5 to 8; 8½ to 11, 12½ to 2; priced at—**\$1.95** and **\$2.45**

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—For Spring and Summer wear; priced at only **\$1.29**.

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Hundreds of new spring dresses silks, printed and figured crepe, Georgettes and Prints—

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Ladies' and children's newest Spring hats. You will be surprised what values we are offering the buying public. Priced at

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Children's Hats **98c to \$3.45**

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—Men's blue and gray work shirts; two pockets and thrilled stitched—size 14 to 17—at **59c**

FIGURED CREPES

—36-inch figured crepes in beautiful spring patterns at only **\$1.69**

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—40-inch flat crepes in all new spring shades—priced at—**\$1.79**

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36-inch figured Batiste; small figures; in bright patterns—only **59c**

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SPECIAL FOR SATURDAY

12½ yards cotton checks and apron check gingham for only **\$1.00**

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Decatur, Texas

PLEASANT GROVE

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Vance, of Stillwell were Sunday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Ray.

Miss Thelma Aldridge was a Monday guest of Miss Dossie Hornbeck.

County Agent Jameson, Cow Tester Nelson and I visited the spring meeting of the North Texas Pecan Growers Association at Arlington last Tuesday-day. We sat in with about two hundred north Texas men and women, extension agents and college officials interested to learn what they can and to communicate information regarding the paper shell pecan.

As compared with the production of other agricultural crops pecan growing may be regarded as a long-term industry for the reason that there is a prolonged interval before an orchard of young trees comes to the stage of profitable bearing. The fact was to be noted, however, that gray haired men and women and people past the middle years of life predominated at the Arlington meeting which gives rise to the following reflection as pertains to conditions and opportunities in Wise County.

So far as the number of native trees and locality of land adapted to growing the pecan is concerned, Wise County enjoys the reputation of being the peer of any in the state, in fact so broken is her terrain and so voluminous the expanse of her creek and bottom land, she has been said to surpass any other county in natural pecan growing advantages. If, therefore, the possibilities of paying pecan orchards make so strong an appeal to gray haired men and women should be the reaction to our immediate and local county opportunities of the young men and women of Wise County? The fact is there seems to be little awakening to a great chance. Here was a meeting of state wide importance within three hours ride of the county, advertised for days in advance in the state papers and only a trio of citizens present from the county.

People in the actual work of owning and superintending their own orchards composed the majority of the participants in the Arlington meeting. They were made up of both farmers and city people, the latter of sleek and well groomed business appearance, whom one, without knowing, could imagine to be possessed somewhere of liver bottom plantations in process of being changed over from cotton plantations to pecan orchards. One representative, in fact, was there with his chauffeur a rather conspicuous looking darkey charged with the care of quite an expensive limousine.

It was reported at the meeting that orchardists in California have prospered growing the English walnut. Yet, in Texas, it was said more wealth awaits the man who will get in the same game of raising the paper shell pecan on the right scale and in the right way. Indeed an ardent and enthusiasm invested this meeting and those participants that is not unlike that one learns to have been associated with some initial stage of rich and promising ore mining, for instance.

This writer was there to intercept any information that might be usable in Wise County. Jameson was there in step with any new modes and practices of culture and handling that might develop. We saw specimens of all the tools that are used in pecan culture; we learned how to treat wounds, to make grafts of paper shell stock on native growth and to do the new "skin budding." We learned about adaptable varieties to the north Texas conditions and discovered, for another thing, that all the new pecan orchards are not being planted on bottom lands. Any fine piece of moist, swampy, sandy land as well as some that is level, is adapted to profitable production. And that brings in a still larger area of Wise County soil on which the pecan may be successfully grown.

The growing of the paper shell pecan must be regarded as one of the great potential industries of this county. It is not surprising that there is relatively little interest in production on a commercial scale when once it is remembered that our folks, as yet, have come meagerly in contact with the business phase of it. And in any wise have paid but small attention to it.

It should behoove us to study the matter. Knowledge in this as in other farm industries is essential in these days to making any considerable progress. Read about pecans. Study the experiences of those who are succeeding. And when you hear about another fine meeting such as was held at Arlington this week set your eyes to be recorded as one among those present.—Cates.

Paradise School Closes

The Paradise high school will close Friday April 27, after a very successful term. The graduating exercises will be held tonight in the Paradise auditorium. The public is invited to attend. Those receiving diplomas are: Bruce Martin Blackford, Ora Fae Brandon, Bailey Wilburn Clarke, Ruby Cook, Vera Fae Franks, Chas. Otto Fuqua, Cone Braselton Green, Henry Baxter Kelly, Marvin (Bill) Leonard, Olea Estelle, Martin John Riley, McDaniel and Hattie Seagle.

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Misses Millie and Vera Farrington spent a while Sunday afternoon at the home of Bessie Monroe.

Misses Rena Alice Davenport, Jettie Cobb and Treva Repton spent Sunday with Willie Chaborn.

Mrs. Dossie Hornbeck spent Thursday with Mrs. Nikirk of Alvord.

Mrs. Florence Cobb spent Thursday in Alvord with Mrs. Wiley Jones.

Messrs. Robert Earl and Ernest Shirley spent last week end in Snyder, Okla. and Electra, Texas.

Mr. Hugh Cobb spent Sunday with Dilbert Repton.

Rev. and Mrs. Repton spent Monday with Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Stafford at Chico.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Pettus spent Monday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Dan House of the White Hill section.

Miss Denny Davis spent Saturday with Mrs. Nettie Reynolds of the Roe community.

Mrs. Sarah Burch, S. B. Spencer and Bulah Peyton spent one evening last week with Mrs. Wheelis near Alvord.

Mrs. Bettie Farrington spent Friday afternoon with Mrs. Dossie Hornbeck.

VALLEY VIEW NEWS

County of Wise.

In the District Court of Wise County, Texas, 43rd Judicial District of Texas.

To the Honorable Judge of said Court:

Your Petitioner, Gerlie Simpson, hereinafter called plaintiff, complaining of Walter Simpson, hereinafter called defendant, with respect would show to the Court that Plaintiff is and has been an actual bona fide inhabitant of the State of Texas for a period of more than twelve months, and has resided in Wise County six months next preceeding the filing of this petition and that the defendant is a transient person, having fixed domicile, and his resident in unknown.

Plaintiff avers that she and defendant were married in Wise County, Texas, on or about the 8th day of September A. D. 1917, and as husband and wife lived and cohabited intermittently up until about the 1st day of June 1928, at which time defendant wholly abandoned this plaintiff, that the plaintiff conducted herself at all times toward the defendant with much affection and love, discharging all of the conjugal duties imposed upon her by the marital regulations, but that the defendant unkindly of all her love and affection, about nine months after their marriage began a studied course of harsh and cruel treatment toward this plaintiff and would go away from home and remain away from home indefinitely, without advising the plaintiff as to his intentions of leaving, how long he would stay, of where he was going. When he would return he would refuse to explain his absence or conduct very much to the humiliation and distress of plaintiff's mind and nerves, that he continued to thus conduct himself until his final abandonment as hereinafter alleged; that plaintiff and defendant have not since his final abandonment lived and cohabited together as man and wife.

That as the fruits of said marriage there was born to plaintiff and defendant two children, namely: Woodrow Wilson Simpson, a boy, age 7 years and 6 months old, and James W. Simpson, a boy, age 4 years and 6 months old.

Plaintiff avers that as a part of defendant's harsh and cruel treatment said defendant refused to be at home and remain with this plaintiff while her said child James W. Simpson was born; That said defendant has taken up with some sort of a carnival show and has elected to associate with people of low social strata and moral fibre in preference to remaining with his wife and aiding in the support of his said children. That plaintiff is not strong physically but on account of the defendant's conduct has been compelled to resort to common labor to support herself and said children.

That the conduct of the defendant as aforesaid has wrought upon the nerves and impaired the health of this plaintiff and is such harsh and cruel conduct as to render their long or living together as man and wife insupportable. That defendant is wholly unworthy to have the care and custody of said minor children.

Wherefore plaintiff prays that citation by publication be issued as provided by law, citing the defendant to appear and answer herein, and that upon final hearing hereof she have judgement for divorce, for the custody of her said two children, and for general and special relief in both law and equity will ever pray.

DAVENPORT & BROWN
Attorneys for Plaintiff. (20)

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Friday Morning, April 27, 1928

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J. E. Carter.
F. O. McKinsey

For Tax Assessor:

John M. Harlan
W. H. Stroud
C. E. (Dad) Elliott:
Lee Clement.
J. B. (Jake) Green.

For Commissioner, Prec. 1-6:

Porter Key
Henry Walker.
J. H. Rowan.
Clyde Holt

For Commissioner, Prec. 3-4:

Abe Birdwell.
Will F. Willis
Ernest Dutton
Oscar G. Lowry.
Frank Kelly.
Dan Wilson.

For Public Weigher, Prec. 1-6:

Mat Mooney
John Mitchell
A. J. Pinkerton
Arch Morris
Cris England

TOM CONNALLY CANDIDATE
FOR UNITED STATES SENATOR
Democratic Primaries, 1928.

Fifty years of age and fifty years in Texas.

Farm reared and farm trained. Educated country schools, Baylor and University of Texas.

Left University to join army in war with Spain.

Left seat in Congress to serve as soldier in World War.

Member Texas Legislature 1901-1905.

Prosecuting Attorney 1906-1910.

Elected to Congress 1916 over two strong and popular opponents. In two contests since won by 22,500 and 26,500 majority.

Member Committee on Foreign Affairs and important special committees.

Delegate United Parliamentary Union Geneva, Switzerland, 1924.

Aggressive advocate in Congress of Democratic principles.

Farm owner and operator.

Advocate and author of measures for farm policy and regulation of cotton exchanges.

Battler for Democracy in doubtful States in National campaigns.

What'll, spring is on its last lap, and no announcement is coming from Ted Satterwhite concerning his political program.

Messenger holds that the devilish republicans have a card up their sleeves which carries the likeness of one Calvin, the Silent One. The day of drafting is not passed, we think.

There are now three different kinds of democrats operating in Texas. With poll-tax receipt in snugly pocket, you may take your choice and join in the fun and frolic.

The high court in Washington has acquitted Harry Sinclair, and the much accused gentleman has been given a clean bill. Now arises the question, what are Harry's accusers going to do about it?

Oscar Colquhoun says that he will not support Al Smith for the presidency. All yell and yell. Oscar, the sublime old party will go marching on as though such a candidacy had not threatened its existence.

Our scouts report that the republicans are watching that Smith train, and if they conclude the New York governor is a catch as democracy's standard-bearer, a "draft" will sweep the Kansas City convention hall.

The senatorial race is warming up, and indications point to a most merry time; but, await that run-off, if you

LEARN TO BE CONFIDENT

Have you given up hope of ever being able to better your finances?

You can't get out of the rut, you think, and you give up trying.

But if you can't get rid of the idea that you can't pick yourself out of environment, you are going to mire yourself in poverty.

If you convince yourself that you are destined to remain a poor man, you are doing more than anyone else to keep you poor.

If you think you are beaten, of course you will be down and out.

The first step in advancement is to believe in your own future.

Have more confidence in yourself. Think "I can" thoughts.

Others have succeeded, why not you?

Put forth your best efforts—go to the limit in trying to improve.

It is not yours to say when or how you shall succeed.

But it is yours to try to the utmost and never give up.

When you get rid of that conviction of failure you are on the road to success and things are bound to improve for you.—Houston Chronicle.

Al Smith is about the only man I know of on earth that I would not under any circumstance vote for on the democratic ticket, because I believe it would be the greatest calamity that ever happened to this country for him to be handed over to the reins of government. I do not expect to live a great while longer and I don't want to die with the thought on my mind that I have acted as a traitor to my home and my country. Therefore I will not under any circumstances vote for Al Smith for president of these United States. Editor, Whitehead in Chicago Review.

Tom Blanton has hit Texas, and he announces that the fur will fly when he takes the stump. Tom wants the place of Earl Mayfield in the senate, and judging by what Tom says about Earl, a change in ownership of the toga is in the making.

Reports say that Tom Perkins, McKinney's elder statesman, is seeking the place in congress now held by Sam Rayburn, and it is said that Tom is rallying a most sizable following about his banner. Perkins would shine like a new dollar in the national law-making body.

The agency solicited celebrities to endorse various cigarettes, health foods and such are reported to have closed their campaign. They are receiving no more names. They have more now than they can use in five years. This exploitation was an astounding illustration of how people of prominence would cheapen themselves for a few were paid—which is all right if they feel that way about it—but most of them were eager and anxious to endorse anything so long as they got the publicity. It was a gesture advertising organizations should have nipped in the bud.—O. O. McIntyre in Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

Hear Hon. Louis J. Wardlaw, candidate for governor, in the district court room Saturday, May 12 at 3 P. M.

A check for \$300 is speeding eastward from Kansas City to pay the tuition and other college expenses of James Kyle, a student in the Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Blacksburg, Va. Kyle has lately entered the Agricultural department of the Virginia Institution, registering from Rural Retreat, Va. The \$300 represents prize money donated at the American Royal Stock Show by the Kansas City Merchants' Association to be paid Vocational High School students for excellence in the live stock judging contest at the American Royal last fall. Kyle won second of three prizes totaling \$1000 in cash to be paid on matriculation in an agricultural college.

Gordon Reece, Hillsboro, Texas, took first money, \$500, and Willie Miller, Merimae, Oklahoma, got the third prize of \$300. As these two boys have not yet entered agricultural colleges, their prize money will be held until they do enter.

Another \$1000 in scholarships will be offered at this year's American Royal Live Stock Show, which will be held in Kansas City, November 17-24, 1928, under the same conditions as last year, as an inspiration to Vocational Agricultural High School students anywhere in the United States to do their best in live stock activities.

The situation is clearing up; Con-Johnson says he will support the nomination of the Houston convention. "Spect Cone saw the writing on the wall, or the shadow cast before."

M. R. Smith, editor and owner of the Farmersville Times, was in Denton Friday en route to Decatur. While here he said "What is the matter with Denton and Wise Counties that they do not get a good road? Collin and Hunt Counties are very anxious to see this road made useable in all weather as we have many people who would come this way in going West Texas. Now we are forced to get to many miles out of the way to get to the Northwest part of the State. I am going to see if something can't be done in Decatur to get this road started at an early date. It is a very important road and should be made a good highway." Smith formerly lived in Wise County and knows the people there. "Yes," he said, "we have planted onions and carrots this year around Farmersville. We have planted in onions about 5,000 acres and they are looking fine. This year we have started on carrots, which we believe will prove about as good as onions, and as a start there have been planted about 500 acres." Denton Record Chronicle.

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That on the 19th day of May 1913 plaintiffs presented a suit against said J. M. Montgomery, defendant, on an indebtedness of defendant to plaintiffs, in the County Court of Wise County, Texas, obtained judgement therein in the principal sum of \$233.46, with interest on said judgement at the rate of ten per cent per annum from date until paid, that all Court costs were taxed against said defendant, and the amount thereof was \$15.95; that defendant has failed and refuses and still refuses to pay said judgement or any part thereof to their aggregate damage in the sum of \$706.56.

Praying that defendant be cited by publication to appear and answer herein, that upon final trial they have

Judgement for their debt in the sum of \$596.50, costs of suit and such other and further relief in law and in equity to which they may be justly entitled.

Herein Fail Not, and have before said Court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given Under My Hand and the Seal of said Court, at office in Decatur, Texas, this 5th day of April, A. D. 1928.

LORY D. WHITE, Clerk County Court, Wise County.

By CLIFTON HALL, Deputy. (18)

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Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Vance, of Stillwell were Sunday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Ray.

Miss Thelma Aldridge was a Monday night guest of Miss Dessie Inman.

Rev. Jessie Allison, his mother, Mrs. Mattie Lewis, Charlie, Grady and Lena Lewis spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Inman and Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Rodgers, of Ryan, Oklahoma.

Miss Lola Ray spent this week end at home, her school at Needmore closed Friday and she entered school at Denton Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Radliff and son, Limond Drew, Mr. and Mrs. Hass Tatum, Opal and O. T. Tatum, Audrey and Verna Fae and Evelyn Thomas were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Applewhite.

Miss Laura Allison left Saturday for Seminole, Okla.

Miss Thelma Aldridge was on the sick list Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Baily of Briar were Saturday night guests of her mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Applewhite and Miss Dessie Inman were in Fort Worth shopping Wednesday.

Miss Nettie Brown and Miss Mary Kindsey of Garvin were visitors at Shiloh Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Voss spent Sunday with friends near Live Oak.

Mr. and Mrs. George Thomas visited Mr. and Mrs. Willie Inman home near Fairview Sunday evening, their baby boy, Ralph, has double pneumonia.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Ray, Marvis and Walter Clyde Ray were Sunday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Wright.

Mrs. J. M. Inman is on the sick list this week.

DRACO NEWS

A nice rain fell here Saturday afternoon accompanied by some hail, but no damage has been reported.

J. Lee Mann, of Biers, was greeting friends here last week.

Uncle Tom Kelley of the Masonic Home at Arlington, has been visiting his nephew, Mr. Lon Kelley here.

Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Tate and child, Lee and Margie Tate, of Falls, were visiting relatives and friends here last week.

School will close the 27th with a program in the evening.

Chas. Mann, of Falls, visited the old home place last Monday.

Mrs. Pike came home last Sunday from Mexico where she had been called to the bedside of her son's wife, Mrs. Moore, the patient was much better when Mrs. Pike left.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Meador were visiting at Mr. W. O. Road Sunday.

A. J. Livengood and family and Mrs. Livingood of Cottondale were visiting friends and relatives here one day recently.

SYCAMORE NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Foster spent Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Marion Wilson.

Miss Nellie Frills who has been real sick for a week, is able to be up now.

Coleman McNeely spent Sunday with J. C. and Ralph Sautler.

Mrs. Bulah Weatherby and son, visited in this community Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Sampler and baby of Brumlow spent last week end with Mr. and Mrs. Larn McNeely.

Miss Grace Hall visited Ross Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Stephens visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Frills Sunday night.

Mrs. J. W. Denskill, who has been visiting friends in this community returned to Decatur Thursday.

J. R. Branch visited Glenn Murphy Thursday night.

Mrs. Larn McNeely visited Mrs. Guy Sampler Monday afternoon.

School will close here the 10th of May.

Everyone come to S. S. at the Baptist Church Sunday morning at 10 o'clock.

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White diarrhoea and bowel trouble are quickly overcome by
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LONE MOUND NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Barton and children of Alvord spent Thursday night and Friday with Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Pettus.

Mrs. E. B. Bowman spent last week end in Stone Burg with her daughter, Mrs. Hawkins.

Rev. and Mrs. Perry Reytou were dinner guests Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Tharp of the Jonestown community.

Oscar Perkins of Decatur spent a few days last week with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hanna.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Cearley of the Plainview community spent Monday with Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Cleary.

Misses Millie and Vera Farrington spent a while Sunday afternoon at the home of Bessie Monroe.

Misses Rena Alice Davenport, Jettie Cobb and Treva Reytou spent Sunday with Willie Claborn.

Mrs. Dessie Hornbeck spent Thursday with Mrs. Nikirk of Alvord.

Mrs. Florence Cobb spent Thursday in Alvord with Mrs. Wiley Jones.

Messrs. Robert Earl and Ernest Shirley spent last week end in Snyder, Okla. and Electra, Texas.

Mr. Hugh Cobb spent Sunday with Dilbert Reytou.

Rev. and Mrs. Reytou spent Monday with Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Stafford at Chico.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Pettus spent Monday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Dan House of the White Hill section.

Miss Denny Davis spent Saturday with Mrs. Nettie Reynolds of the Roe community.

Mrs. Sarah Burch, S. B. Spencer and Bulah Peyton spent one evening last week with Mrs. Wheeler near Alvord.

Mrs. Bertie Farrington spent Friday afternoon with Mrs. Dessie Hornbeck.

VALLEY VIEW NEWS

Our school closed on Friday night after a very successful term. The play "All a Mistake" was given, a large crowd was present to enjoy it. We regret to have our teachers leave us, but hope they will return another year.

Our hearts were made sad on last Saturday the 14th by the death of Mr. George Garrison at the home of his son at Tuttle, Okla. The body was brought back to Bethel and interred in that cemetery Monday afternoon. Rev. Harrington conducted the funeral.

Mr. Garrison was 81 years of age. He was a good christian man also an old soldier. He left to mourn his death one daughter, Mrs. Hobson and one son, Will, and 2 grandchildren, two great grandchildren, besides a host of friends.

The teachers carried their pupils on a picnic Thursday. Several mothers went and a table of good things was spread, and then a walk in the creek was enjoyed by all.

Elmer Garrison and wife, of Tuttle, Okla. spent Monday night with Mrs. Lee Roseburg.

Floyd Garrison and Mrs. Hobson spent Monday night with Mrs. Hicks. Wallace and Vern Garrison spent Monday night with Charlie Rawle.

Miss Green spent Tuesday night in the homes of Mrs. Hicks and Spahn. Mrs. J. W. Pinkerson and children spent Saturday afternoon at Mrs. Spahn's.

Mrs. C. W. Spain spent the week end at Van Spain's entertaining a new baby boy.

We had a good rain Saturday afternoon which everyone was glad to see.

Joe Wooliver has been confined to his home on account of pumps but is doing nicely.

Rouse: "Hey, Denny, didn't you go to any of the parties give last week to Mary?"

Denny: "Mary who?"

Rouse: "Mary Christmas, old charity."

NEWARK NEWS

Mr. W. F. Cannon, of Roanoke spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Allen.

Miss Merle Huddleston whose marriage to Mr. Carl Aeff will take place April 28 was honored Saturday afternoon with a miscellaneous shower by Mildred Van Zant, who was assisted in the entertainment by her mother and sister, Martha Ann, from C. L. A. and Mrs. P. H. Rouer. Refreshments were served to the honoree and Mesdames L. B. Huddleston, J. H. Yancey, Q. P. Lewis, Will Wilkins, J. E. Huddleston, Aubrey Stephens, D. B. Rogers, Will Lasater, R. O. Hagood, P. H. Rouer, A. A. Allen, R. W. Hiatt, Knox Hutchison, H. F. Hill, W. L. Van Zant, Misses Gladys Hutchinson, Betty Wells, Jewel Gillenwater, Martha Ann Van Zant and the hostess.

Mr. J. A. Graham and daughter, Ruth, were in Fort Worth Saturday.

Visitors at the home of Mrs. Bertie Gillenwater Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Vandiver and daughter, Ruby and Mozell, and Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Hayes and daughter, Norma Jean, all of Fort Worth and Miss Hazel Youkam.

Mr. Hoy Payne spent Sunday in Fort Worth.

Dr. and Mrs. W. C. Huddleston went to Fort Worth Monday morning.

Mrs. Vassie Younger was a Fort Worth visitor Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Payne were Dallas visitors Sunday.

Miss Martha Ann Van Zant of C. L. A. Denton spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Van Zant.

GREENWOOD NEWS

Miss Kate Warren of Childress, is visiting her uncle, E. B. Brown.

Mrs. Dean Dodge of Childress, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. Best and other relatives.

A play, "The Deacon" will be presented by the high school here Friday night, April 27.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Washburn were Bowie visitors Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Veal and Mrs. F. P. Milligan went to Bridgeport Tuesday to visit Mr. McClary who is sick.

Mrs. L. W. Still was called to Stillerton Friday to the bedside of little Johnnie May Moore, her grand daughter, who is seriously ill with diphtheria.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Locke and sister, Opal of Paradise, were week end visitors of L. W. Still.

The Vice Club Girls, with their leader, Miss Maudlin, enjoyed a picnic on the creek Saturday, also a hike of several miles.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. McDannel and Miss Lucille Pickett were Henrietta visitors Saturday.

Miss Eli, who is attending C. L. A. Denton, was a guest of her friend, Miss Kate Warren in the E. B. Brown home the past week.

Mr. Adams has started a dairy on his farm here.

Bro. Singleton filled his appointment at the Baptist church Saturday night, Sunday morning and night.

The daily grind is harder when it is devoted to sharpening some one else's axe.

"When is she thinking of getting married?"

"When isn't she?"

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CHILDREN'S FATAL DISEASES
Worms and parasites in the intestines of children undermine health and weaken their vitality, thus they are unable to resist the diseases so fatal to children. The safe course is to give them White's Cream Vermifuge. It drives out and expels the worms without the slightest injury to the best and most delicate child. Price 25c. Sold by

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Boys and the Farm

Some writers lament the fact that boys are leaving the farms, as though a farm boy had not the same right to choose his vocation in life as other boys. There would be as much logic in asserting that the son of a coal miner, for instance, should not aspire to be anything but a coal miner.

Of course, if a farm boy has no ambition to enter business or a profession, or is not willing to apply himself to learning a skilled trade, he had better stay on the farm. Without education he would be worse off in town, or city than in the country, probably remaining a common laborer.

But for the intelligent farm boy who can secure an education it cannot be denied that the cities offer wider opportunities. In fact, many of the leaders in every field of endeavor came originally from the farm.

While most of the trades and professions appear to be crowded today, farming is also overdone, as may be seen by the unsatisfactory condition of agriculture. More farm products are raised than can be marketed at a profit over the cost of production.

Whenever the demand exceeds the supply we shall see better prices for agricultural products and we shall also see people going back to the farm. But until that time comes the farm boy should be encouraged to enter any vocation for which his talents and education are fitted.

It may be added that there are even now excellent opportunities right on the farm for boys and others who will study and apply modern agricultural methods. But the future holds little for the indolent and shiftless, on the farm or anywhere else.—White-wright Sun.

Worth While Club

The Worth While Club was entertained in the home of Mrs. S. A. Lillard Sr., Thursday April 19.

After a short business session and roll call, all enjoyed a very interesting contest. The prize was presented to Mrs. Jack Rieger.

Music was furnished by Misses Gladys Thompson and Betty Lou Lillard.

Lovely refreshments were served to the following: Mesdames Frea Thompson, T. J. Elder, C. E. Cayness, T. H. Wright, A. J. Mann, Jack Rieger, Buster Pearson, D. H. Rowan, Leta Renshaw, Jack Walker, J. M. Gibbon, Joe Rogers and Will Renshaw.

A good word is an easy obligation, but to speak ill requires only our silence, which costs us nothing.

Five Paris nurses were discharged for giving patients ink instead of beef tea by mistake.

VALLEY VIEW

Mrs. M. J. Harton and Mrs. Chas. Green visited Mrs. Fred Anderson Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Brown attended singing at this place Sunday night.

Our school closed Friday. Mrs. Desda Kendall and Miss Geraldine Green entertained the children with a picnic Thursday.

Mr. M. J. Harton and Lee Boydston were in Chico Saturday on business. Misses Opal Ruth and Della Mae Gill entertained the young folks with a party Saturday night.

Miss Mary Jane Brown of Bridgeport visited Miss Lucine Garrison Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Rosenberg in the Bethel community visited Mr. and Mrs. Lee Rosenberg Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Kendall of Bridgeport visited Mr. and Mrs. Sam Johnson Sunday.

Miss Alice Harton visited Misses Opal and Della Mae Gill Friday.

FOR HOME AND STABLE

The extraordinary Borozone treatment for flesh wounds, cuts, burns, galls, burns and scalds is just as effective in the stable as in the home. Horse flesh heals with remarkable speed under its powerful influence. The treatment is the same for animals as for humans. First wash out infectious sores with liquid Borozone, and the Borozone Powder completes the healing process. Price (liquid) 30c, 60c and \$1.20. Powder 30c and 60c. Sold by

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Star Parasite Remover will keep them free of worms and destructive insects, in better health and producing more eggs.

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Don't let white diarrhoea and other bowel troubles kill them. Star Roup and Diarrhoea Tablets will prevent and relieve them or money back. (17)

NOTICE --

—I have decided to move my grocery business to Wichita Falls, and to keep from moving my stock, will put everything at cost for a few days.

—I wish to thank my many good friends for the nice business they have given me. Dealing with you has been a pleasure and I have done my best to please you.

—Again thanking you, I am

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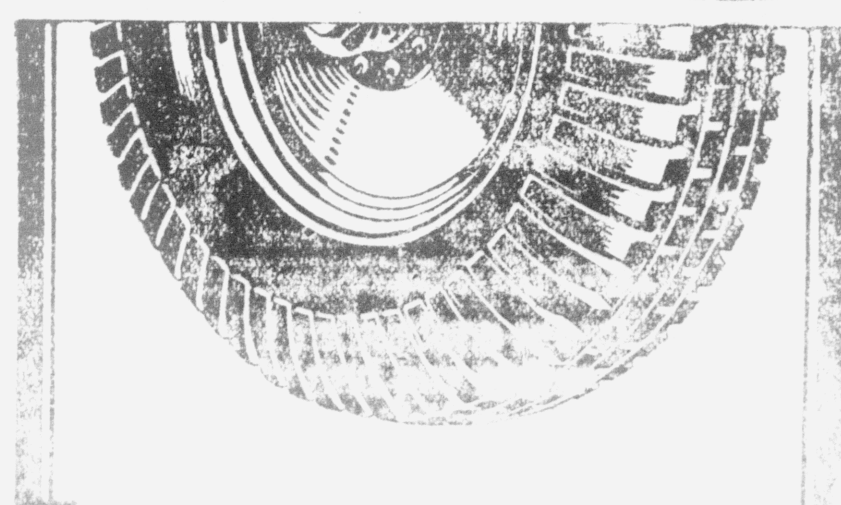
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We have just installed an ALE-MITE LUBRIGUN that enables us to grease your car under air pressure. The latest and most up-to-date equipment on the market.

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By our Budget Payment Plan you pay only a portion of the price at the time of purchase—the balance on regular deferred payments.

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I have opened a market in my Grocery store and will carry a full line of fresh and cured meats, boiled, baked hams, lunch meats of all kinds.

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East Side Square—Decatur, Texas

Skygak Outlines Movie Scenario

Some of these days we are going to sit down and write, for the benefit of our two readers a real "blood and thunder" movie scenario. In our sketch will be a real hero and a real honest-to-goodness heroine. There will be plenty of thrills and blood (real gore) and stampeded herds and shot guns and rescues from the horns of a mad steer; in fact everything will be in our picture that has ever happened, and a whole lot that never happened and never will happen, outside of a real movie such as we will write.

The frame work of the plot will be laid on a ranch some where in Oklahoma, up round Curtis or Woodward or Clinton. It will make no difference to the reader which of the above named towns is honored by the play just so it is written in Oklahoma.

The plot will open up on the ranch of an old man by the name of Goins. Of course we could call the old man Kummings if it would please the reader any better but it really wouldn't add anything to the play as the old man will look like he was comin' and goin' both before we get done with him. So, unless there is a mad demand by the readers to have the old man's name changed, it will remain Goins, just as we have billed him. And, as we were saying before the reader interrupted, the plot will open on the ranch of this old man Goins, as he has already received eleven dollars and thirty cents as half pay for the use of his ranch for the scene and has promised to wash up and put on his good clothes for the occasion and would naturally be disappointed if the plot were laid elsewhere.

Scene 1 will open with a landscape. In the foreground will stand a house; but there will be no honeysuckles or bachelor buttons climbing over the door. The reason for this is that it is too early in the spring for such things and because it is too dry in that country for such things to grow. But the scene will nevertheless be worthy of a painter. The house, especially needs painting and likewise the yard fence. The front gate will swing by one leather hinge and by its side will stand our lovely heroine, Saphronia, the only daughter of old man Goins. Her natural loveliness will be enhanced 30 or 40 per cent by a large yellow celluloid tucking comb that holds a knot of fiery red hair, about the size of a goose egg, to the back of her head; the gleam of a catnip-percha ring on her left thumb will tell the casual observer that she is engaged.

Scene 2 will open up with the fair damsel standing by the sagging gate gazing into the dim distance at a spiral of dust that may be seen rising above the western horizon. It is now the proper time to bring in the solitary horseman. He is seen coming out of the dust of cloud riding a fleabitten bronc, and from his uneasiness in the saddle, it is evident that he has been riding long and is the least bit saddle-galled. He looks at his six cylinder watch, takes a benevolent chew of tobacco, plunges his huge Mexican spurs into the panting steed. The ambitious steed rears forward plunges into the gathering gloom at the terrific rate of fourteen miles in fourteen days, while a bitter oath escapes from the clenching teeth and foam flecked bits of the pigeon-toed rider.

Scene 3 will open up the same as scene 2 with the fair damsel, still standing at the gate in listening attitude. Suddenly there breaks on her elephant like ear the sound of a horse's hoof.

"Aha!" she murmurs, "hist! it is him." (The last expression shows how green is her excitement as she has forgotten all her grammar.) "Blast his ugly picture! Why didn't he show some style and get here on time?" And she impatiently mashes a huge mosquito on her arm. Any one can see as she stands there that she is mad as a wet hen and Pigeon-toed Pete, the hero of the picture, sees at a glance that his goose is cooked as he rides up but he is fixed for just such an occasion. He springs from his panting steed and placing his chew of tobacco on the other side of his mouth, plants a long, wide, passionate kiss on her burning cheek. The effect of this kiss and the smell of Brown mule tobacco is too much for the fair damsel and she wilts. She pillows her sunny head on his panting breast for 30 minutes and heaves three dry sobs. The reason she heaves dry sobs is to conserve the moisture. They practice dust-muck farming in Okla. and all the moisture has to be saved. Even the moisture in tears is too precious to be wasted in the foolishness of sobbing. (Children too young to sob by the dry method are taught to sob in a jug or bottle.)

Scene 4 opens with Pete and Saphronia still locked in terrific embrace and the old man is seen coming out from behind the rain barrel with a shotgun on his arm. Pete is passionately pleading with Saphronia to flee with him to the nearest justice of the peace and get spliced. He has finished his harangue, whatever that is, when the old man slips up and pokes him in the side with his old shot gun and tells the ardent swain that he had better not linger to any great extent. Just at this tense moment when it looks like all is off between Pete and the fair damsel an old bridle steer comes charging out of

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

The First Christian Church members gave an open house reception Friday evening at 8 o'clock at the beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Shults, honoring Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Thurmond, who have just returned from their wedding tour in South Texas. After each guest had registered in the guest book, presided over by Mrs. C. W. Ferguson, and were served with punch, the program of the evening was opened with a reading by Vavian Pierson. Followed by a piano number with Miss Bess Coleman at the piano, after which Mr. N. A. Moore, accompanied by Miss Ada Cates, sang "Because God Gave Me You." In the diversion of the evening the prize was presented to the bud vases was presented to the honor-freshments a beautiful gift of antique bud vases wa presented to the honorees, this being the gift of the church. Punch was served thruout the evening by three charming young ladies, Billie Shults, Jewel Mailey and Juanita Alland. About seventy guests were present.

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the brush and makes for the trio by the gate. The fair Saphronia utters three or four screams and breaks for the house while the old man drops his gun and climbs a sapling. The hero jumps into the saddle, loosens his lariat and gets into the chase. His first cast misses the steer but catches the heroine by the off hind leg and drags her from the path of the maddened steer. By this time the half wild bronc has up so much speed that he drags the fair Saphronia fourteen miles before Pete can stop him.

"Oh!" says the reader, "You promised us plenty of blood and thunder in the picture." So we did, dear reader, and it is there. The thunder is the roar the old man lets out when he sees Pete dragging away his only daughter; and the blood comes from the old man's nose when he busts it on a rock as he falls out of the sapling.

For the benefit of our old maid reader, who is so romantic, we wish that we could announce that this picture will close with a wedding between Pete and Saphronia. But such a prediction would be too uncertain, as Saphronia was already mad to start with and being dragged around by one hind foot is not calculated to sweeten her temper any. So all we can do is to hope for the best and let romance take its course.

"BIRTH OF A NATION" SEEN AS LIBERIA GROWS RUBBER

Concession of Million Acres To Firestone Company Puts Country "On the Map"

By Wisco Service Station.
Local Firestone Service Dealer.

New economic and commercial life has been brought to the little West African republic of Liberia as the result of plans completed by the Firestone Tire & Rubber Company for growing rubber on an exclusive concession of 1,000,000 acres of virgin lands granted by the Liberian Government.

Founded in 1821 by a group of philanthropic Americans with the object of affording a home to freed slaves desiring to return to Africa, Liberia has struggled manfully for its existence for over a century. But the United States has ever been the little country's friend and counselor, and now a great tire company's enterprise has given it new life.

Liberia has an area of 43,000 square miles, and is situated between 4 and 8 degrees north latitude, being about 4,000 miles from New York. The country has a population of approximately 2,000,000 native Africans. There are about 200 Americans and Europeans centered in Monrovia, the capital, where the headquarters of the Firestone Plantations Co., are located.

Liberia has the best natural advantages for economical production of high grade rubber. It has a practically inexhaustible supply of healthy industries native laborers, engaged for centuries in agricultural pursuits. It has a number of trees of rubber producing varieties, apart from the transplanted Hevea. The British had already recognized Liberia as a country of rubber growing potentialities, an English syndicate having operated a 2,000 acre plantation there before the war. This is also in the concession granted the Firestone Company, its seed forming the basis for its present cultivated rubber lands.

Liberia has several navigable rivers, running inland from the sea from 15 to 25 miles. Its land transportation, however, is totally undeveloped, there being no railroads, and until the advent of the Firestone interests, no passable highways.

Health conditions in Liberia are said to be exceptional for the tropics. The natives are strong and healthy, epidemics being unknown. There is a surprising absence of winged pests, this being largely due to the country's excellent natural drainage.

The natives cultivate rice, corn,

EXPENSE OF HOG-RAISING CUT

Great interest is being taken in Eola in the raising of hogs despite the discouraging prices.

The increase in the dairy industry there, and the fact that very little whole milk is marketed, is given as the reason for the presence of more hogs on the farms.

Farmers in most cases sell either cream or butter and the skimmed milk is fed to the chickens and hogs. It is being observed, however, that the small hog lot and the consequent high cost of feeding the hogs kept in close confinement is being done away with and in its stead many farmers have fenced off several acres with hog-proof fencing material.

Others have their entire farm fenced hogproof and during several months of the year, when no damage can be done to growing crops, the hogs are running at large on the farm with no feed necessary except skimmed milk.

During the Winter they graze on small grain and in the Spring and Summer small patches of sudan grass are planted and fenced off so that the hogs may help themselves. Thus upkeep is reduced to a minimum.

By raising hogs in this manner there is money in them even at the present low prices, farmers say.

D. B. C. Ex's Planning Honor Former Teacher

All ex-students of Decatur Baptist College who knew and loved Miss Bernice Noel during the time she was a teacher in the college are to gather again on the campus for the purpose of honoring their former teacher and friend. A banquet Saturday night and other special features are on the two day program for Saturday and Sunday, May 5 and 6.

LIVING ROOM CONTEST CLOSES

Final judging on the Living-Room contest is being made this week, and announcements of prize-winners will be made May 1. Club reports are to be sent in to the home demonstration agent's office not later than May 5.

tropical fruits, and coffee, the latter together with kola nuts, ivory and a small amount of timber, representing the principal items of export.

Because it is American, the Firestone rubber development has been cordially welcomed, and it is evident that a new era has dawned for Liberia.

Woman's Bible Class

The Woman's Bible Class of the M. E. Church, met Monday, April 23, at 3 p. m. with Mrs. John Scott. Mrs. Scott and Mrs. Laura VanMeter were hostesses, and Mrs. Earl Douglas was the leader of a very interesting lesson, Second Timothy. A dainty salad course was served to twenty five. The Missionary Society will meet with Mrs. J. H. Cates in social service meeting, Monday, April 30, at 2 o'clock. Let each woman bring her thimble.—Reporter.

EASTLAND TO HAVE AN EGG STORAGE PLANT

Eastland—Construction of a cold storage plant is underway and its facilities will be used by the Bankhead Poultry Producers' Association for the storage of eggs. The plant will have a capacity of 1,6000 cases and can be added to, if necessary. It is being built by the Crystal Ice and Storage Company.

Bankers, at the recent meeting of the Eastland County Bankers' Association, manifested a favorable attitude toward assisting the poultry association in financing the storage of eggs this Spring, said George W. Briggs, secretary of the association.

Sheriff George Gage and his force have been attending to the activities of the bootleggers for the past several days, and as a result of their efforts the county jail is fast filling with the men who hold that "flekermaking is the shortest cut to the easy life. Three Mexicans were taken in tow the other day, after a raid by the sheriff and his deputies was made on an underground still, five miles west of Newark. A large quantity of mash and liquor were taken along with the Mexicans; several white men have been arrested on similar charges.

Mrs. Luther Reed attended the funeral of Mrs. C. L. Miller and daughter, Winna, of Fort Worth, Texas, who were killed Tuesday evening about 8:30 when a touring car driven by Mrs. Miller's son overturned on the Floydada-Luckney highway four miles north of Floydada. The daughter was instantly killed and the mother died enroute to the Floydada Sanitarium.

Alford—A fifty by seventy mill house is to be erected here.

Pampa—A new carbon black plant is being established in Pampa.

Band Concert

Overly cool breezes and tent show competition rather diminished the attendance on the opening of the Decatur Band, conducted by Director Scott Avery on the courthouse lawn Tuesday night. Those who were present heard a good rendition and discovered that the boys have steadily improved as a result of regular winter practices. A group of new and inspiring numbers not heretofore played in public demonstration that the band is essaying and playing a continually improving and higher order of music. Gradually is being absorbed into the older organization a number of the younger boys who for several months past have been under Director Avery's instruction and comporting themselves well. The band is to give periodical open air concerts thruout the spring and summer.

Mada Walker entertained with a birthday party Thursday April 19. Old fashion games were played. Refreshments were served to the following: Vesta Bennett, Billy Lanane Davis and Decas Dodson, Dorothy Elayson, Edna Mae Miller, Mary Lu Paxco, Jannita Stepp, Ema Fae Montgomery, Edna Joe Walker, Pauline Rhine, Avo Lee Walker, Rowena Moore, Mary Elizabeth Ferguson, Earl Rose Fox, Laverne Smith, Lela Mae Kincaide and Cynthia Lillard.



LESSON No. 14
Question: Why is emulsified cod-liver oil so efficient and so beneficial a food- tonic?
Answer: Because it is so easily assimilated and quickly builds up strength. Multitudes use it every day as in
SCOTT'S EMULSION

"All God's Chillun Got Shoes"



"Got shoes, got shoes, all God's chillun got shoes." You've heard that old negro spiritual many times, of course.

But what inspired those words?

It was the simple fact that the darkeys who sang them didn't have any shoes. Therefore their vision of heavenly bliss was a place where everybody wore shoes. It represented one of their fondest hopes.

Accepting this as a standard then, we here in Decatur are enjoying a liberal heaven on earth. We all have shoes.

When we need a pair, we have access to enterprising shoe stores, where our foot requirements are given careful attention. We have wide selections to choose from. If we don't like one shoe, we can ask for another. If one price doesn't suit our pocketbook, we can find another quality that will.

As a community we take such service for granted. But what if we lived in an age where a large proportion of the population were forced to go without shoes? Then the words of the old spiritual would mean something. Verily what privileges and luxuries are ours!

DICK COLLINS, Editor

Schools of County

BY WALLACE GREGG, COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT

A WEEKLY COMPILATION OF ACTIVITIES OF THE SCHOOLS OF WISE COUNTY

Seventh Grade Examinations

Much interest is being manifested by the pupils in the rural schools in the examinations being conducted for the seventh grade. These examinations are designed to give to those completing grammar school, uniform and standard tests whereby they may earn high school entrance credits acceptable in any high school in Wise County. On Monday the tests were given to 8 seventh grade pupils of the Allison and Carlton schools at Allison. Those taking the test were: Linnie Mae Wade, of Carlton, and Leon Ellison, William Morton, E. R. Boyett, Harmon McBroom, Lillian Adams, Rudy Helen Rankin, Lela Padgett, and J. C. Caraway. In reading Lela Padgett made the highest score with a total of 194 points. In arithmetic J. C. Caraway made high score with a total of 288 points. In dictation William Morton and Linnie Mae Wade tied for high scores with a total of 146 points each. The examinations will be continued until every seventh grade child in the county is given an opportunity to prove his ability to enter high school. The schedule is as follows: Allison, April 24th; Greenwood, April 24; Decatur, April 25; Alvord, April 26; Chico, April 27; Willow Point, April 30; Paradise, May 3; and Newark, May 4.

College Entrance Examinations

On May 8, 9, 10 and 11 the annual college entrance examinations under the auspices of the State Department of Education will be held at Decatur, Bridgeport, Chico, Alvord, Greenwood, and Ripley High Schools. Students wishing to earn college entrance credits will do well to notify the superintendent of the school nearest them of their intentions that a proper supply of the questions may be provided. The examinations in Decatur will be conducted at both the Decatur High School and the office of the County Superintendent.

Teachers Saving Money for Schools

Mr. T. E. Giesup of the Fairwoods School, Mr. R. L. Hunt of the Union Chapel School, and Mrs. E. C. Jamison of the Joe Bailey School, have given the state an opportunity to save money on textbooks by bringing in old worn out textbooks still in condition which will be shipped to Austin for rebinding. They also brought in the texts out of adoption, other than supplementary readers. The state expects to realize something out of these old books when cannot be longer used. Teachers and teachers are urged to bring this office all worn out texts still in adoption and also all books of adoption except supplementary readers. Teachers may, if they wish, keep enough of the book out of adoption to supply their library and reference needs.

Teachers Elected

Mr. Freeman Taggart of Decatur has been elected principal of the Brumlow School and Miss Melba Buttrill of Slidell has been re-elected as assistant teacher.

The entire faculty of the Slidell School has been re-elected for another year. Mr. B. E. Vance, superintendent, Mrs. B. E. Vance principal, Mrs. Sabra Parsons, English; Mr. J. T. Watson, 6th and 7th grades; Mrs. S. B. Powell, 4th and 5th grades; Mrs. Berta Chambers, 2nd and 3rd grades; and Mrs. Beryl Wade, primary.

Mr. L. B. Giesup of the Willow Point School has been elected principal of the school for the coming year. The faculty consists of Mr. Giesup, principal; Mrs. B. E. Vance, superintendent; Mrs. Sabra Parsons, English; Mr. J. T. Watson, 6th and 7th grades; Mrs. S. B. Powell, 4th and 5th grades; Mrs. Berta Chambers, 2nd and 3rd grades; and Mrs. Beryl Wade, primary.

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In West Texas

Weatherford—The Weatherford Chamber of Commerce is offering a scholarship to the Texas Business College, Weatherford, in the "My Home Town Contest" of the WTCO.

Carlton—The annual Carlton Fair Stock Show was held April 13 and 14 with large attendance from neighboring towns.

Quanah—The Greenbelt League, Panhandle district convention of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce convenes here May 14.

Lawn—W. L. Hughes, of A & M College, spoke at a recent mass meeting of rural education.

Clarendon—April 30 and May 1 have been set as dates for raising funds to take the lead band to the WTCO Fort Worth convention.

Aspermont—Material is being placed on the ground to erect a new building covering four lots.

Stanford—New paper, editor, and over West Texas will be guests of the WTCO at breakfast June 15 at the Fort Worth City.

Sharon—The Sharon Shonite has been sold by Mrs. Bessie Donald to J. L. Nunn of Amarillo. D. D. Roderick of Lubbock and T. E. Roderick of Texas, Okla.

And then we boys got down in the mud and tramped it down real good. The hole was filled up to the top. And then the water brought. We chopped it off and stepped on for this our first one. Wozzing. Now spring has come and we are glad. That we will all be blessed. The budding of the tree has been. Our skilled successfulness.

In a Bad Fix from INDIGESTION

"I had suffered with indigestion for 5 years," says Mr. H. C. Dove, R. F. D. 4, Chester, S. C. "I had gotten to the place where I could hardly eat a thing—everything hurt me. I had smothering spells and fell off 20 pounds. I was in a bad fix."

"I read of Black-Draught and decided to try it. I do not believe that I would have been living today had it not been for Black-Draught. I had gotten to where I only ate milk and crackers, but after taking Black-Draught I began to eat and gradually got my appetite back. I gained in weight and felt better. I have not had a bad spell of indigestion in ten months."

Thedford's Black-Draught is prepared in a powder from medicinal roots and herbs. In use over 85 years. Sold everywhere. 25 cents.

Thedford's BLACK-DRAUGHT for Constipation, Indigestion, Bloating, and all the troubles of the bowels.

RHEUMATISM

While in France with the American Army I obtained a good French prescription for the treatment of Rheumatism. Nothing I have given this both in and out of the country. The prescription cost me nothing. I am now well and I will tell you where and how to get it. Write today.

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DO YOUR PART ---

Science and art play big in the plan Of giving convenience and comfort to man. Inventions have helped in many a way In giving to man much time to play. But neither inventions nor science and art Can save what you make; that is your part. The world may progress more and more But unless you save you may yet be poor. The City National in this high rolling age Finds man much inclined to spend all his wage.

THE CITY NATIONAL BANK

Decatur, Texas

Are you a member of the Chamber of Commerce.

Lamesa—The South Plains district convention of the WTCO meets here May 10.

Alamogordo—The chamber of commerce is meeting every Tuesday to care for the pressing needs arising from oil developments here.

Memphis—A new telephone switchboard is expected to be in operation here by July 1.

Lampasas—J. R. Koy, a director of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce has offered to pay all expenses of the boy or girl representing this city in the annual "My Home Town Contest" at Fort Worth.

Claude—Mains have been completed for natural gas here.

Wellington—The Wellington band is rehearsing in order to be in trim for the WTCO annual band contest.

Rising Star—A luncheon club auxiliary to the chamber of commerce has been formed here.

Fort Stockton—A modern brick business building is under construction here by Tom Talley.

Blackwell—New machinery for the Blackwell ice factory is being installed.

Standardization of Electricity

LONDONERS have sixty different electric light and power plants to deal with and thirty-nine different kinds of power. They have a wide—or wild—assortment of voltages and frequencies. Light globes and appliances require different types of plugs. Confusion results, and industry is held back.

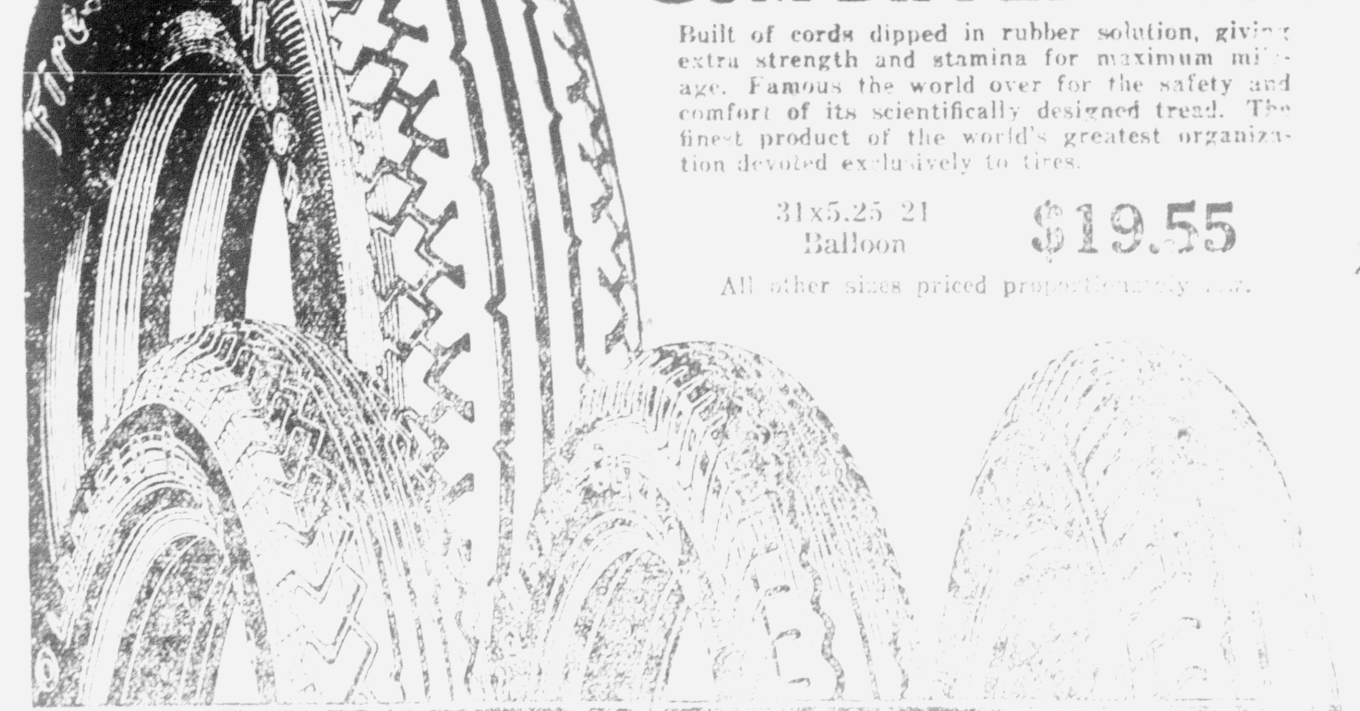
America is twenty-five years or more ahead of Europe in prosperity and living conditions largely because of the standardization of electricity. Cross-country lines supply the small town with electric service equal to that of the large town—and vastly superior to that of foggy London.

Texas has electric service equal to the best available anywhere in the world—in no small part due to the development program of this company which has built its 2,774 miles of transmission lines to meet requirements of the present and immediate future.

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Built of cords dipped in rubber solution, giving extra strength and stamina for maximum mileage. Famous the world over for the safety and comfort of its scientifically designed tread. The finest product of the world's greatest organization devoted exclusively to tires.

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All other sizes priced proportionately low.

OLDFIELD

Lowest Priced Standard Tire

A rugged, fullsize tire built and warranted by Firestone. Made with scientific tread design and reinforced casing according to the principles of long mileage and walls, specially prepared from rut and curb wear.

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Popular Priced Firestone Built Tire

A Firestone-built tire, backed by the standard tire manufacturer's warranty. Tough, anti-slip tread, with protecting ribs extending over shoulders to side walls. Developed by Firestone engineers, who have given this extremely low-priced tire many of Firestone's special mileage advantages.

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A Good Tire at a Very Low Cost

A well-designed tire for the light car. Built with a tread of deep block rubber. Firestone-built means extra value due to economical high production in the modern Firestone factories. The tire for motorists seeking a good tire at a very low price.

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Come in and equip with new tires for wet weather driving—when the full non-skid safety will protect you the most.

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